

# DR. STONE



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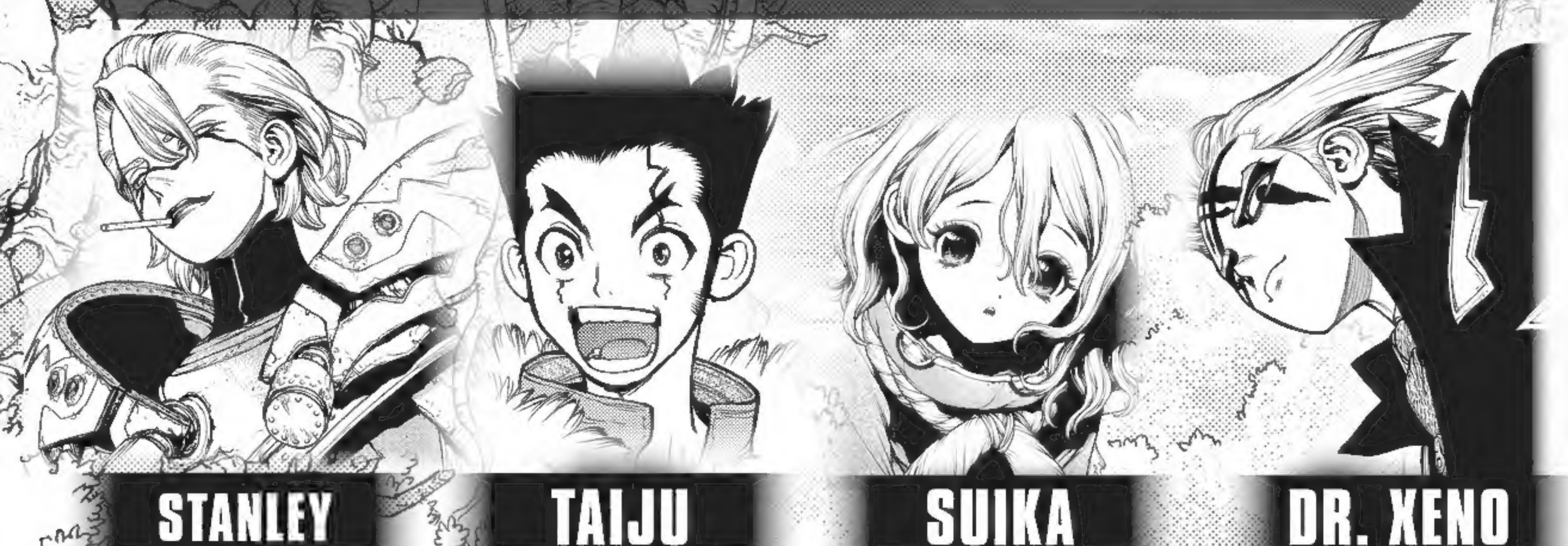


## STORY

Every human on earth is turned to stone by a mysterious phenomenon, including high school student Taiju. Nearly 3,700 years later, Taiju awakens and finds his friend Senku, who revived a bit earlier. Together, they vow to restore civilization, but Tsukasa, once considered the strongest high schooler alive, nearly kills Senku in order to put a stop to his scientific plans.

When word of Senku's survival gets back to Tsukasa, the war between the two forces begins! Eventually, the factions make peace. After acquiring a petrification device on Treasure Island, Senku and his friends set out for the U.S.A., where they encounter another rival science kingdom led by scientist Dr. Xeno. Their conflict is resolved and both parties agree to work together to restart civilization.

After crafting a satellite, the crew has pinpointed Why-Man's position on the moon's surface. Furthermore, Chrome has come up with a wild scheme to make the moon-landing mission a round trip by sending the spacecraft up in pieces. It's been one challenge after another, but now the rocket holding Senku, Kohaku, and Stanley is finally on its way to outer space!

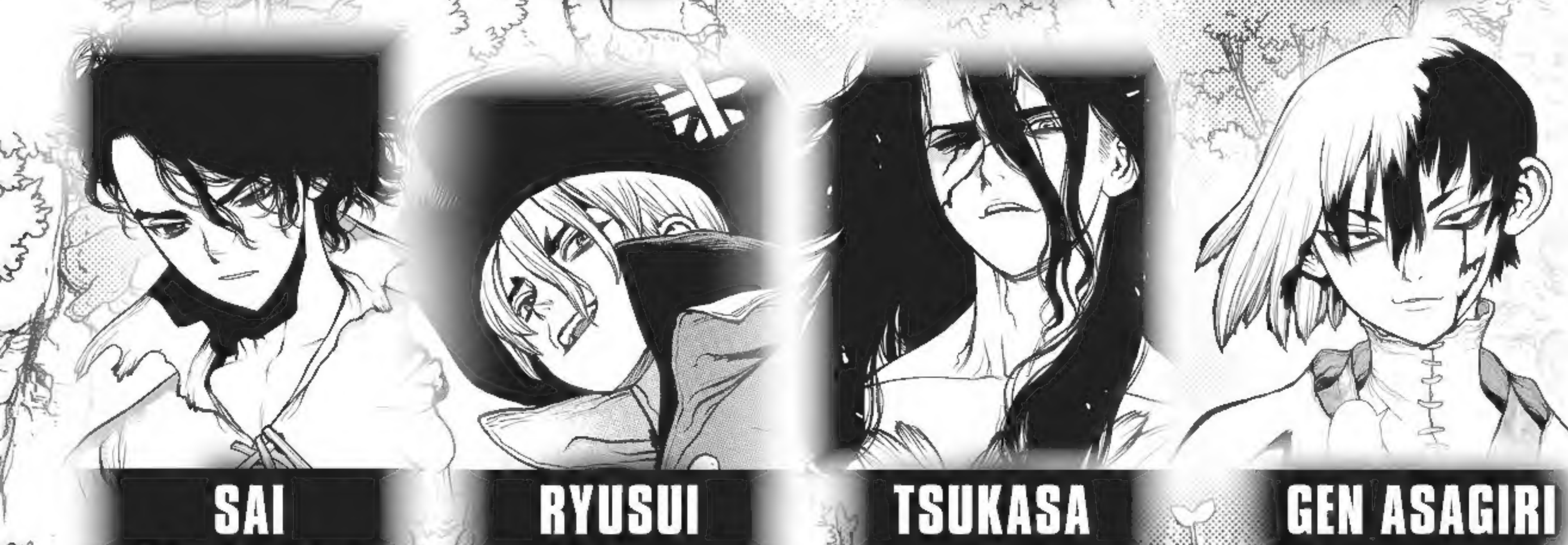


STANLEY

TAIJU

SUIKA

DR. XENO



SAI

RYUSUI

TSUKASA

GEN ASAGIRI

# CHARACTERS



An experienced, agile warrior who's as strong as any man. She's quite possibly the strongest person in the village.

KOHAKU

CHROME

A clever and honest guy with more curiosity than he knows what to do with. Now that Senku's opened his eyes to science, he's ready to go as far as that path takes him.

A young man with prodigious knowledge and a passion for science. He's now leading his Kingdom of Science. His catchphrase is "Get excited!"

SENKU



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## A FUTURE TO GET EXCITED ABOUT

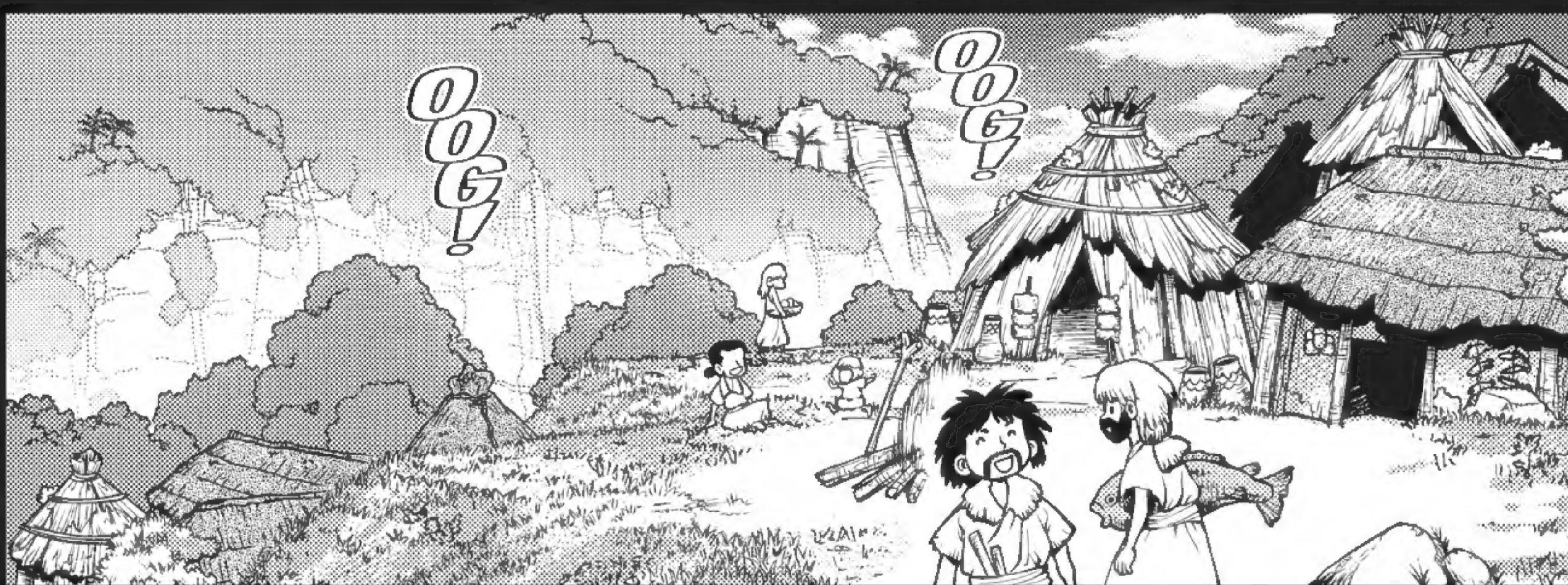
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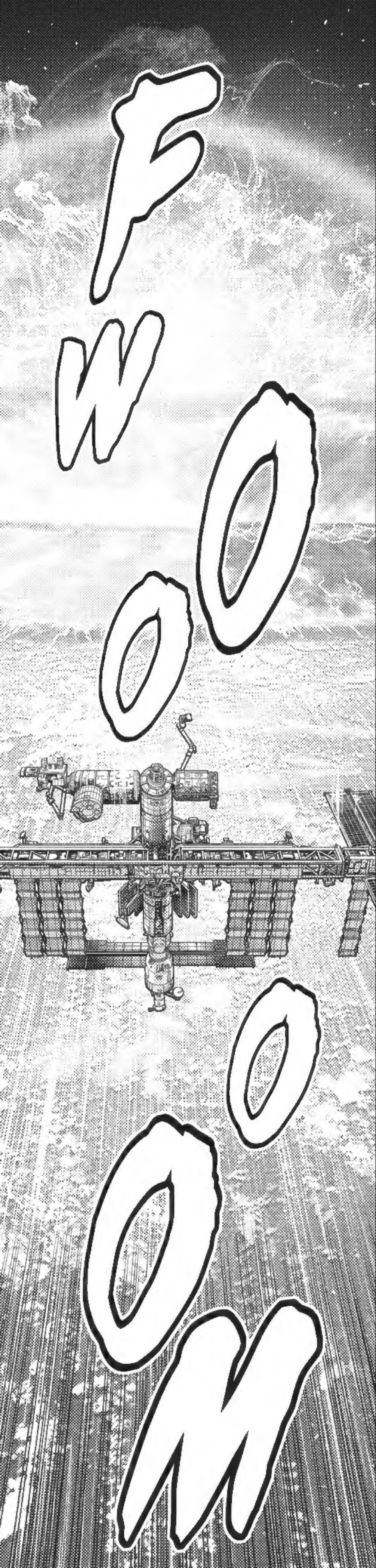
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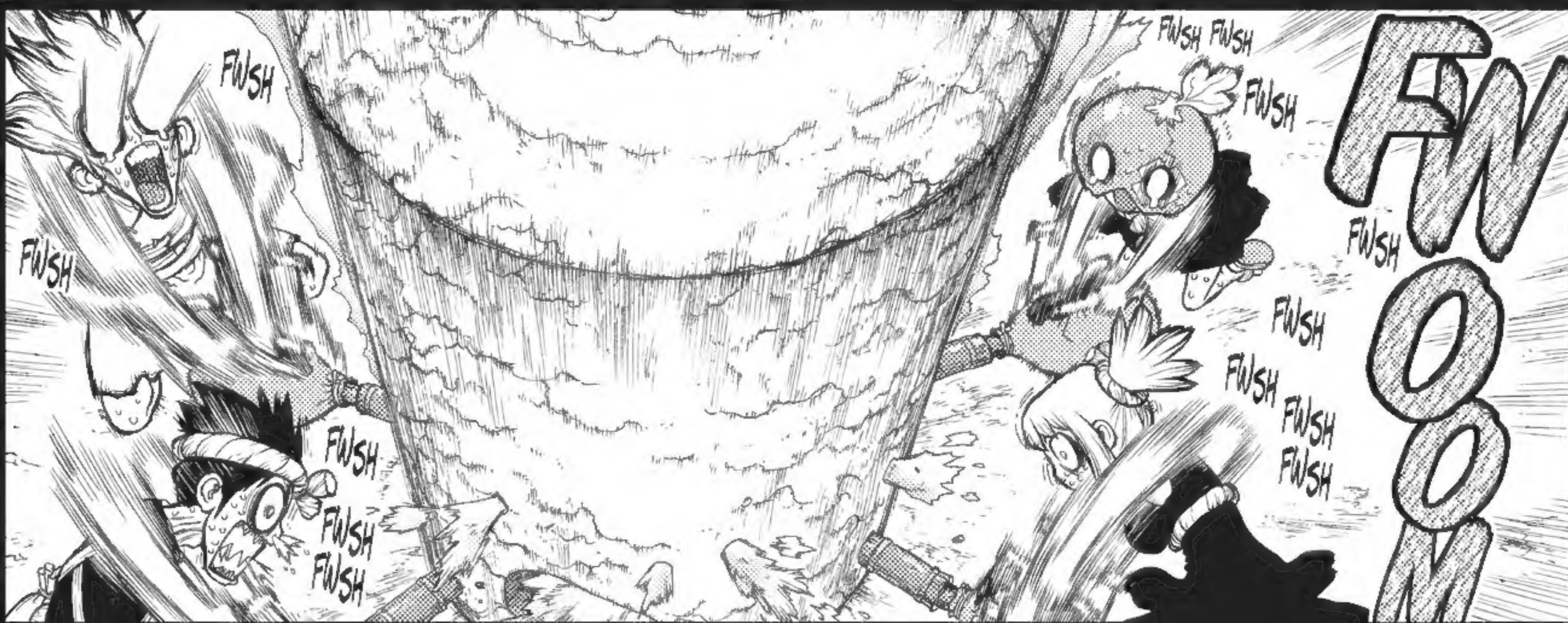
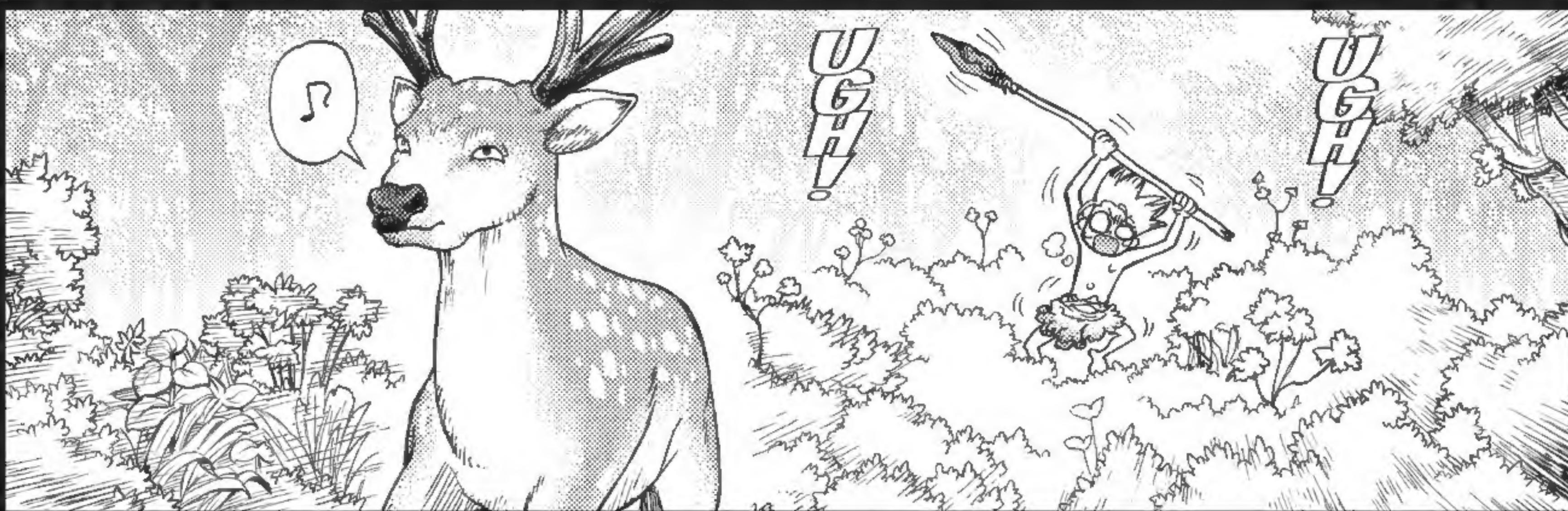
















HUMANITY'S  
GONNA MAKE  
A COMEBACK—  
YOU'LL SEE.

UNTIL  
THE DAY  
WE'RE EATING  
RAMEN IN  
SPACE  
AGAIN.

YOU CAN  
COUNT  
ON IT!!











WE NEED  
STANLEY  
THE PILOT  
AT THE  
DOCKING  
CONTROLS.

WHY'RE  
THE  
OTHERS  
STILL  
PETRIFIED?



AH,  
SENKU.

IS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG...



I  
TAKE IT  
YOU'RE  
AWAKE  
NOW.

...WITH  
THE RESUR-  
RECTION  
WATCHES?!



THIS...

OH, SO OUR  
GEAR ISN'T  
BUSTED.

...WAS  
YOUR  
DOING,  
XENO.



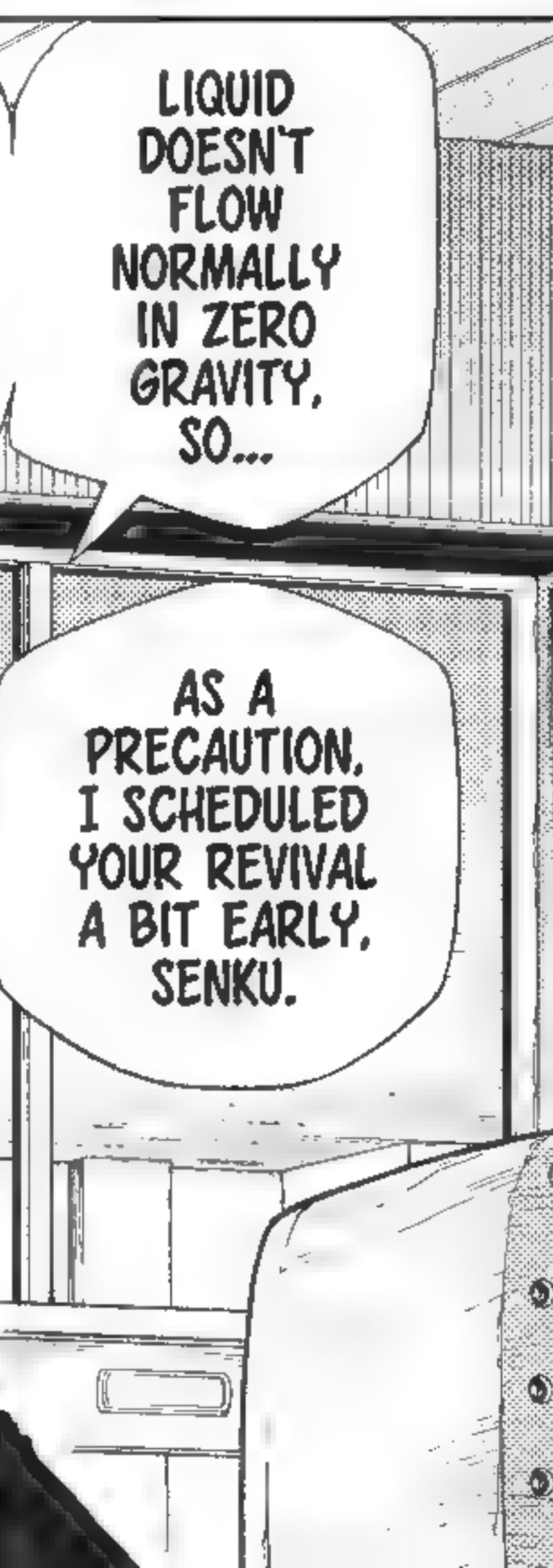
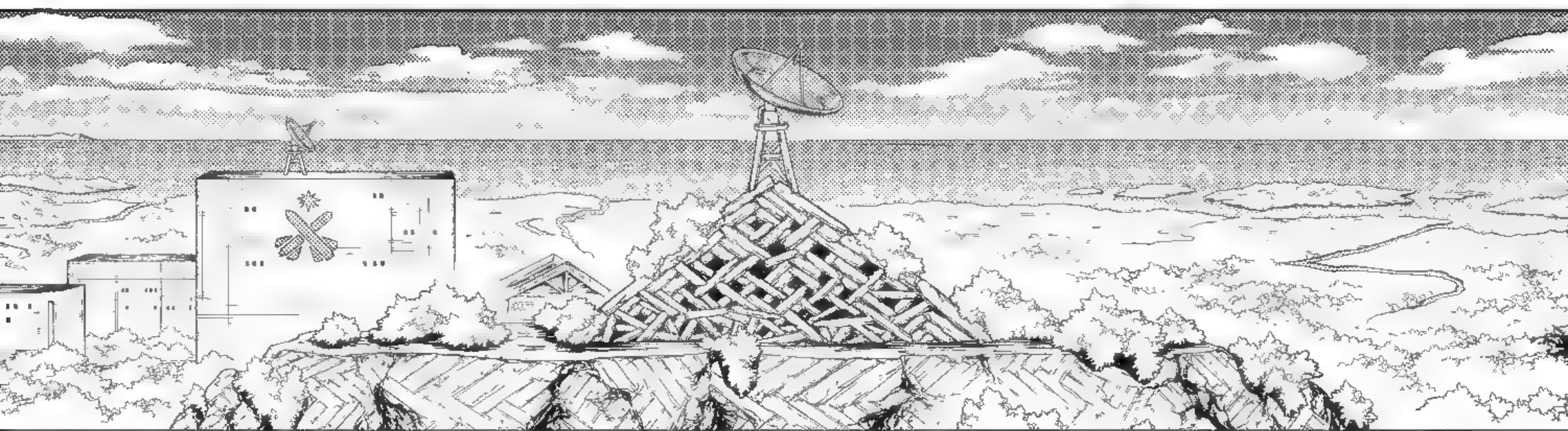
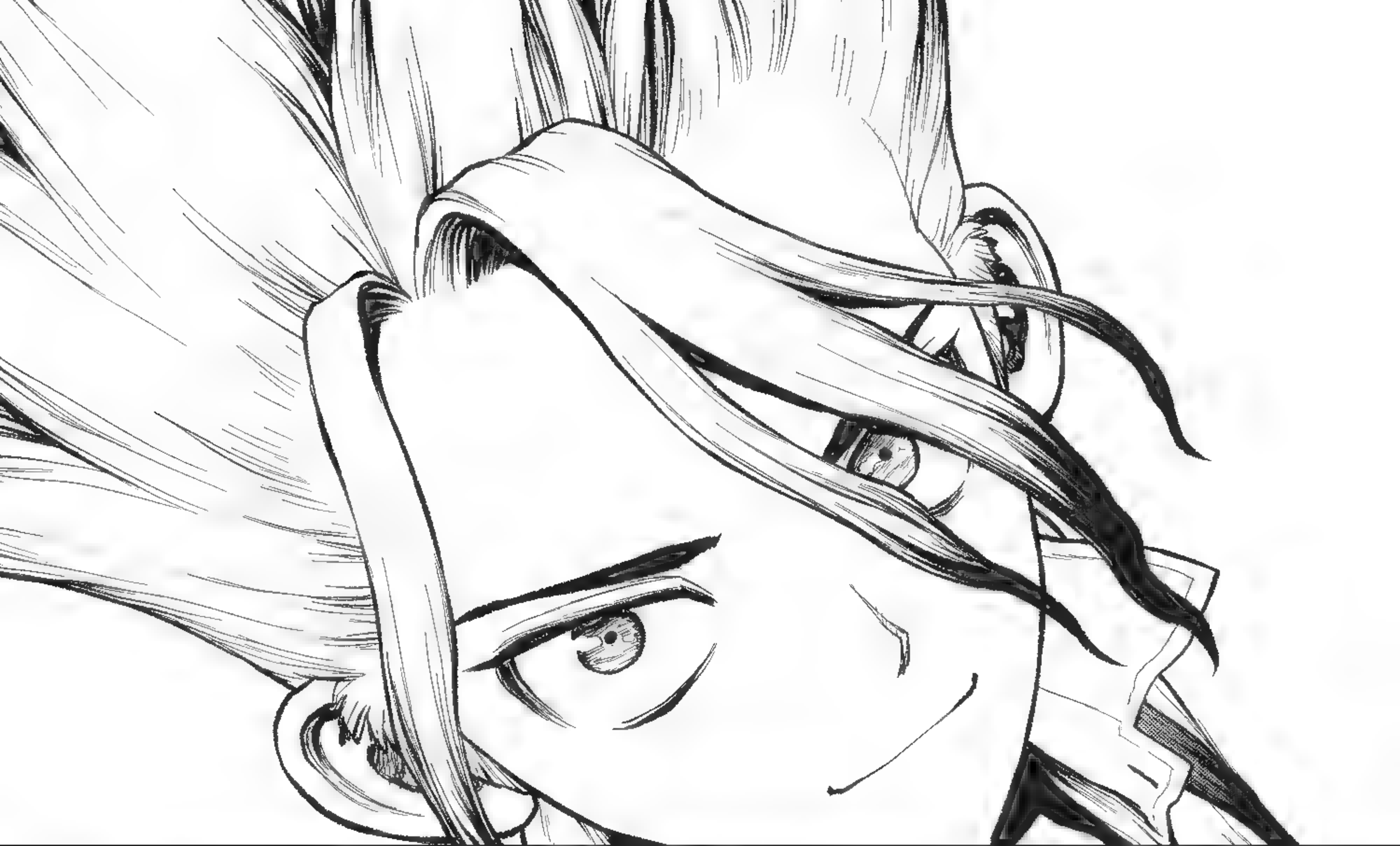
ALL  
ALONE...

...IN  
SPACE.



Z-224: In Space







HE'S  
GIVEN  
DEAR  
SENKU...

...A  
MOMENT IN  
SPACE TO  
HIMSELF.

A MOMENT  
TO WEEP  
FREELY.







YOU KNEW,  
DIDN'T YOU,  
STANLEY?

NOT EVEN  
A LITTLE  
SHOCKED  
THAT I'M  
UP BEFORE  
YOU?

CREEPS  
ME OUT,  
HAVING YOU  
OLD DUDES  
DOTING  
ON ME.

YOU  
AND XENO  
COOKED  
UP THIS  
LITTLE  
PLOT, HUH?



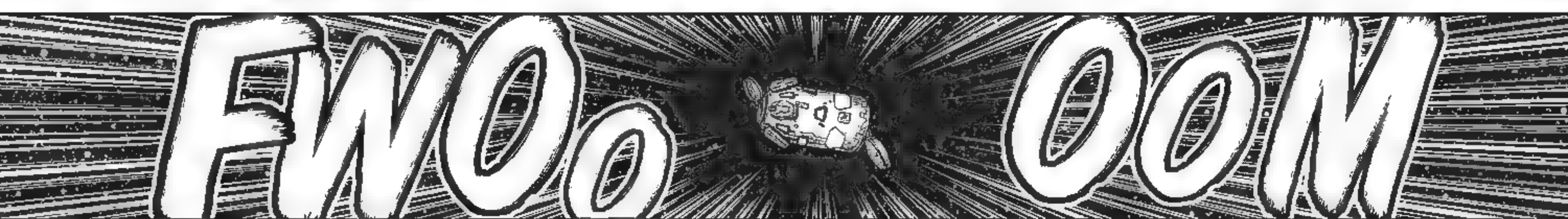
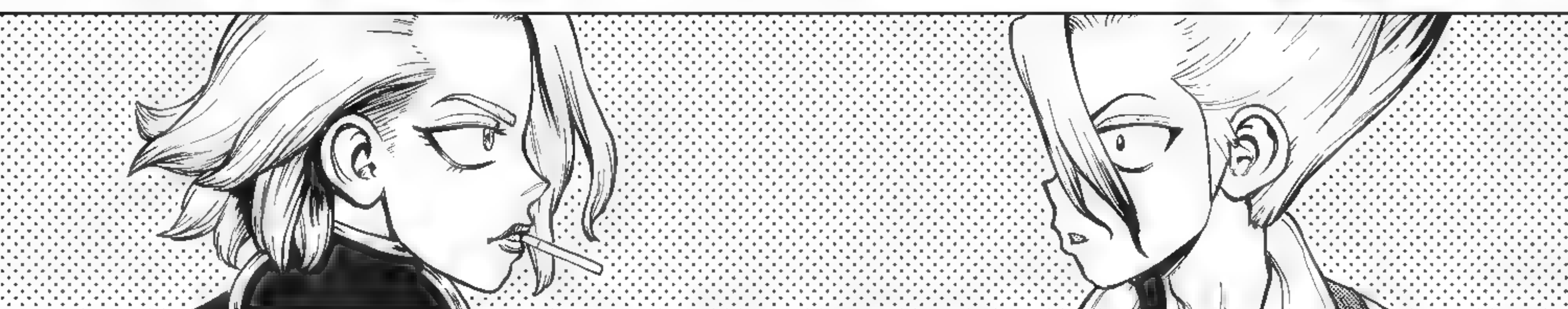
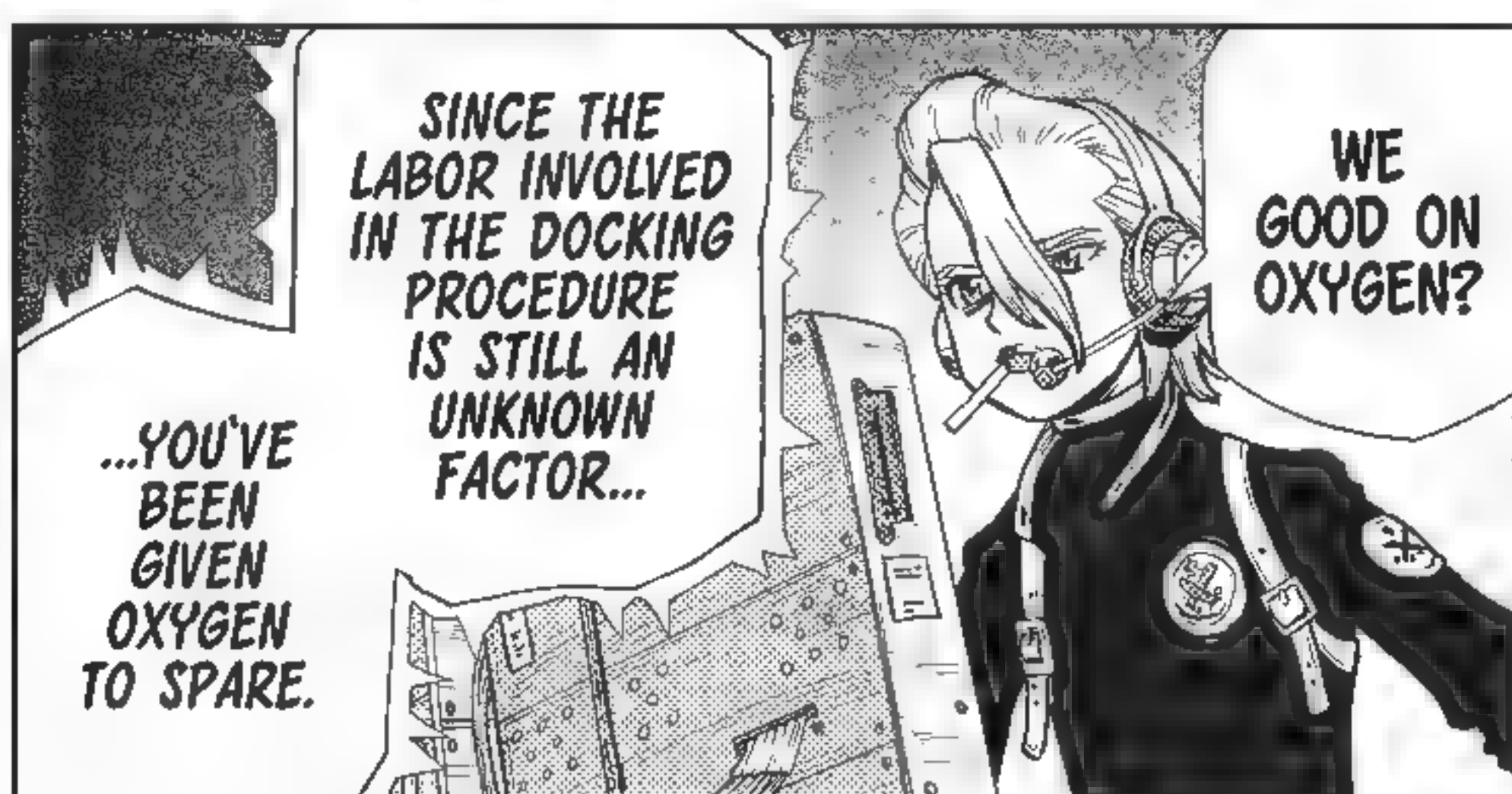
SURE,  
LET'S  
LEAVE IT  
AT THAT.

HEH  
HEH  
HEH...

I'M JUST  
A SOLDIER  
FOLLOWING  
ORDERS.

DOTING?  
YOU GONE  
SOFT IN  
THE HEAD,  
SENKU?





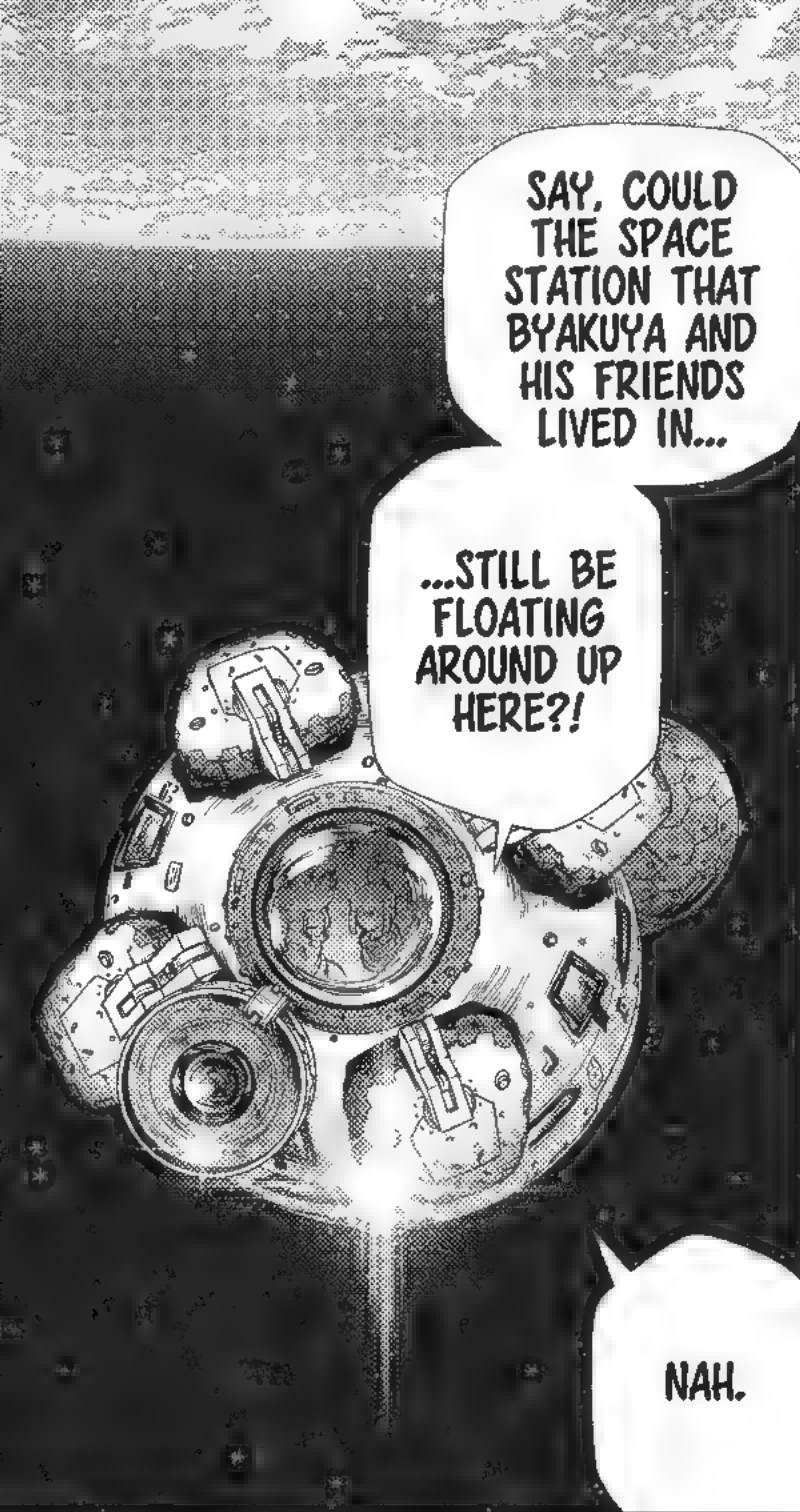












SAY, COULD  
THE SPACE  
STATION THAT  
BYAKUYA AND  
HIS FRIENDS  
LIVED IN...

...STILL BE  
FLOATING  
AROUND UP  
HERE?!

NAH.



...IT CAME  
DOWN A  
LONG WHILE  
BACK, LIKE  
A BUNCHA  
SHOOTING  
STARS.

WITH NO  
HUMANS LEFT  
TO CONTROL  
AND MAINTAIN  
THE STATION...

HAD TO BE  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS  
AGO.



A FEW  
THOUSAND  
YEARS  
AGO...

...YOUR  
FATHER  
ATE LIKE  
THIS.

THE  
SAME  
MEAL.

THE SAME  
OUTER  
SPACE.

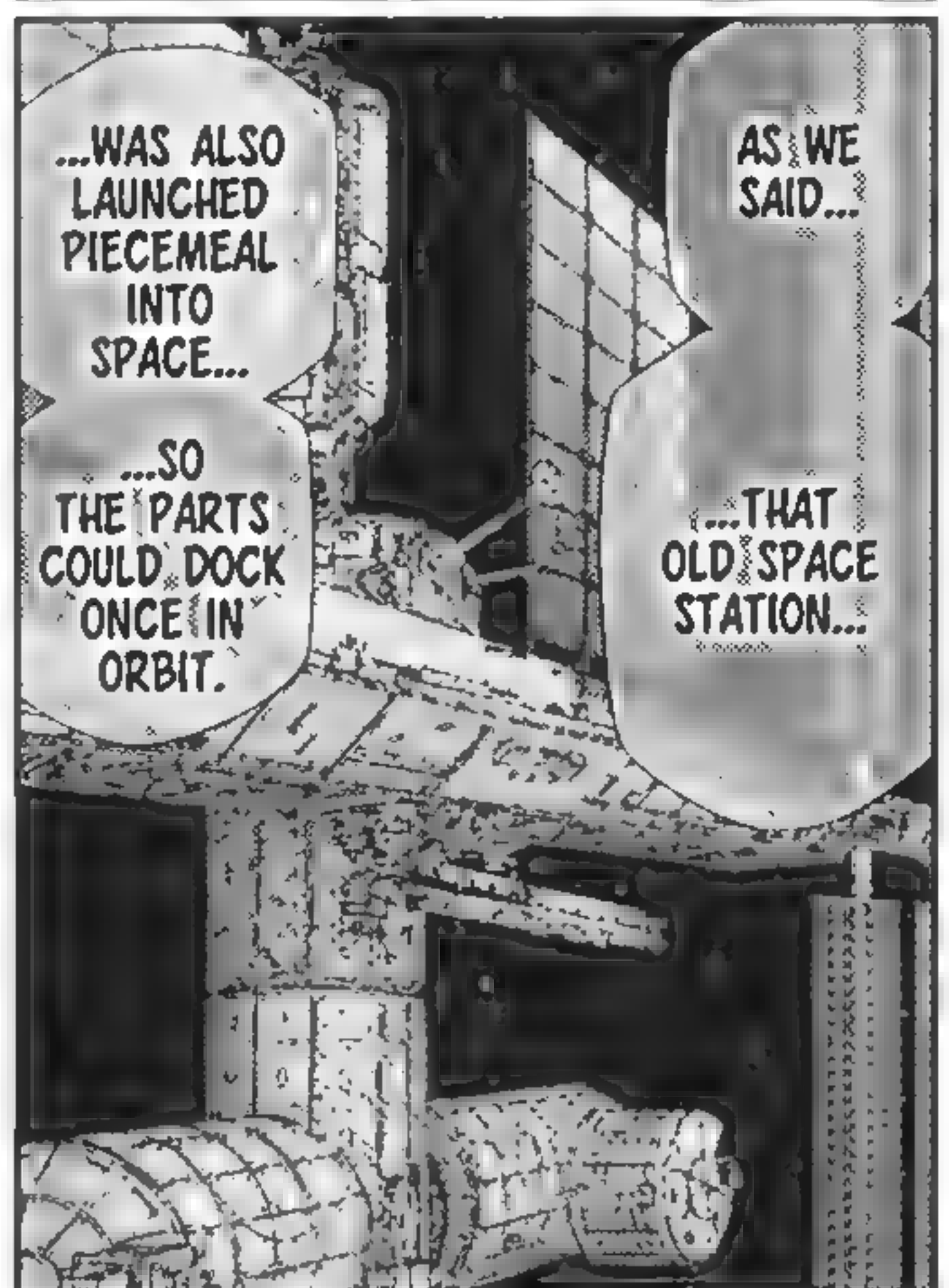




IS THAT  
SO...



HEH  
HEH HEH...  
FORGET ALL  
THAT, 'KAY?

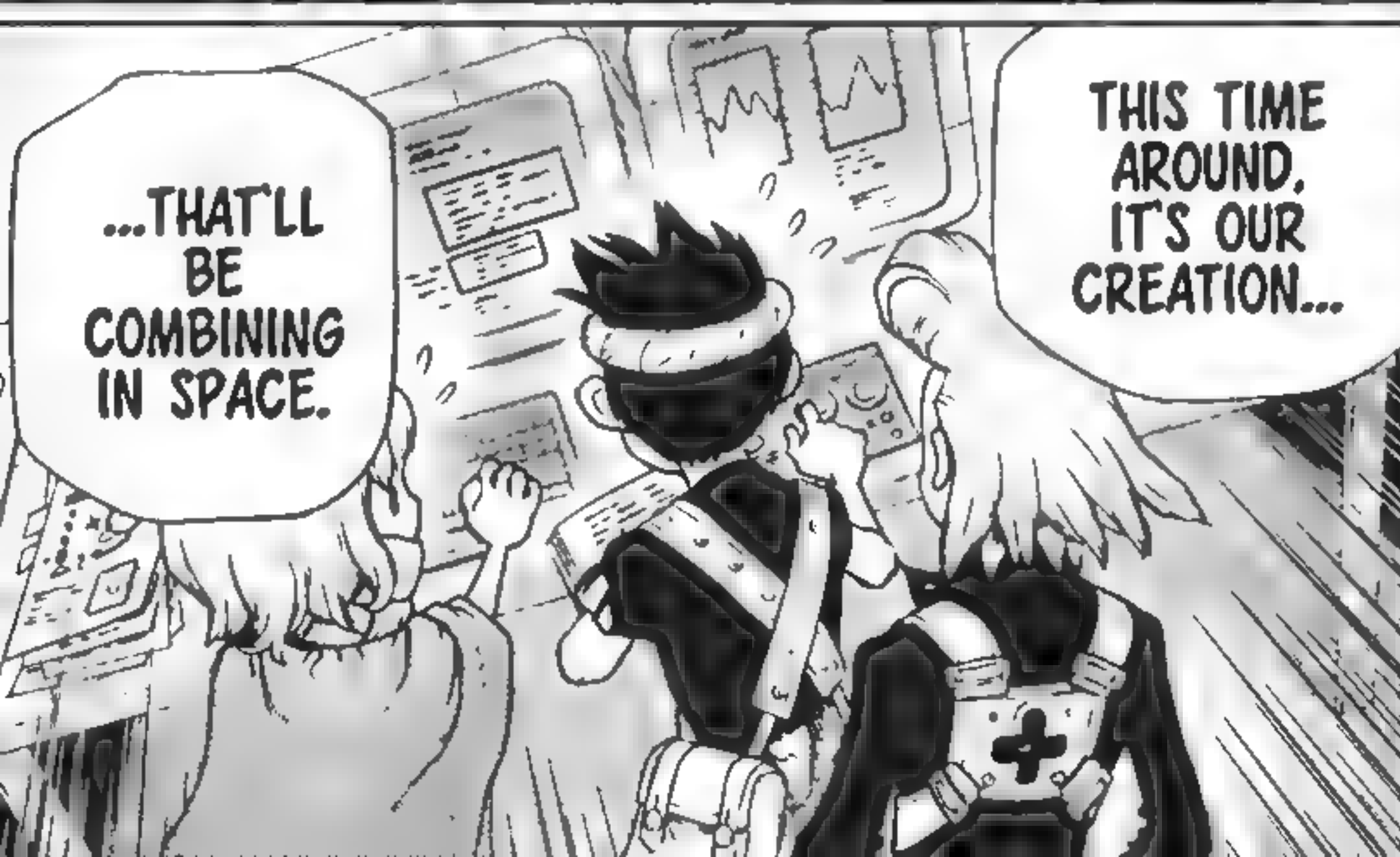


...WAS ALSO  
LAUNCHED  
PIECEMEAL  
INTO  
SPACE...

...SO  
THE PARTS  
COULD DOCK  
ONCE IN  
ORBIT.

AS WE  
SAID...

...THAT  
OLD SPACE  
STATION...



...THAT'LL  
BE  
COMBINING  
IN SPACE.

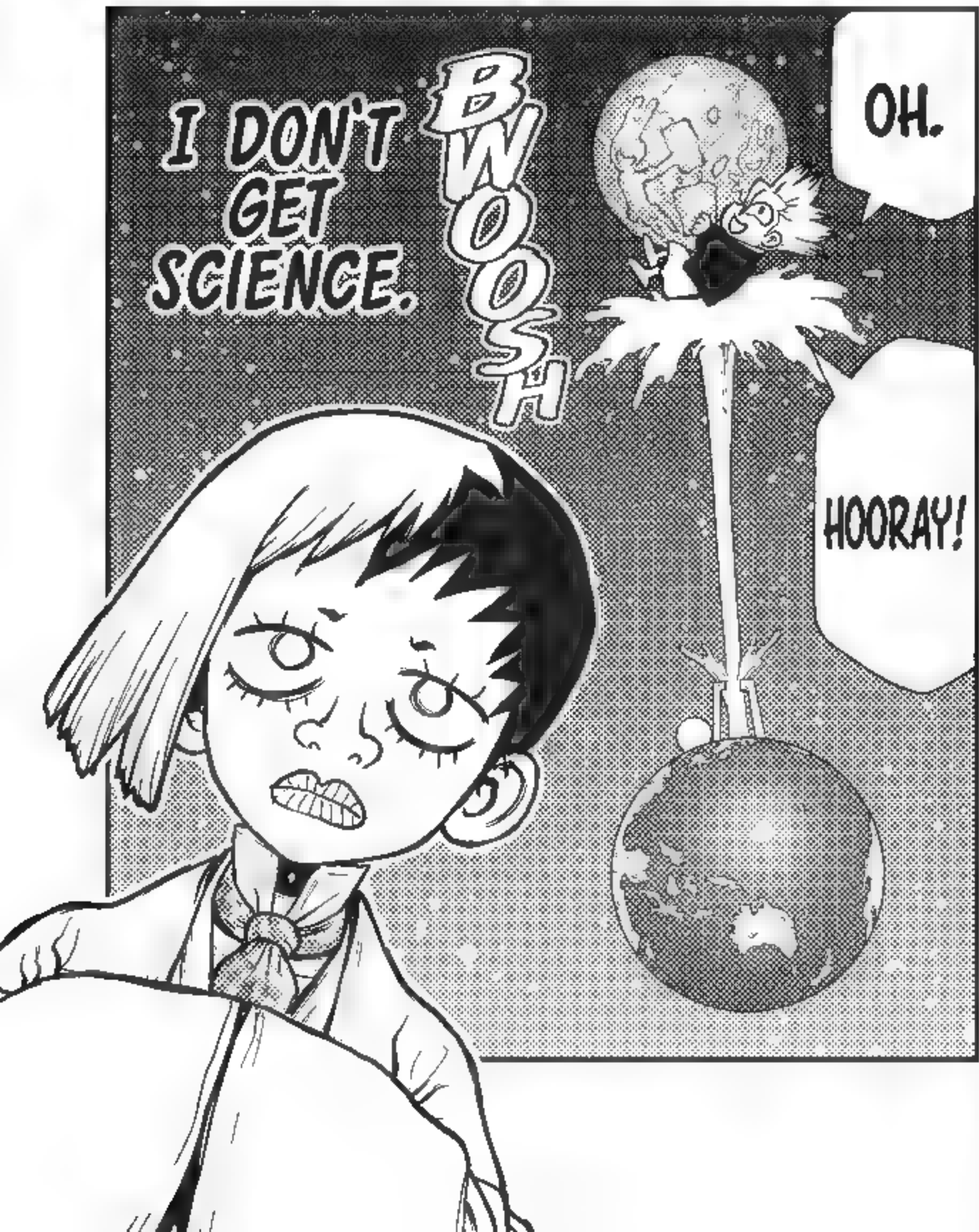
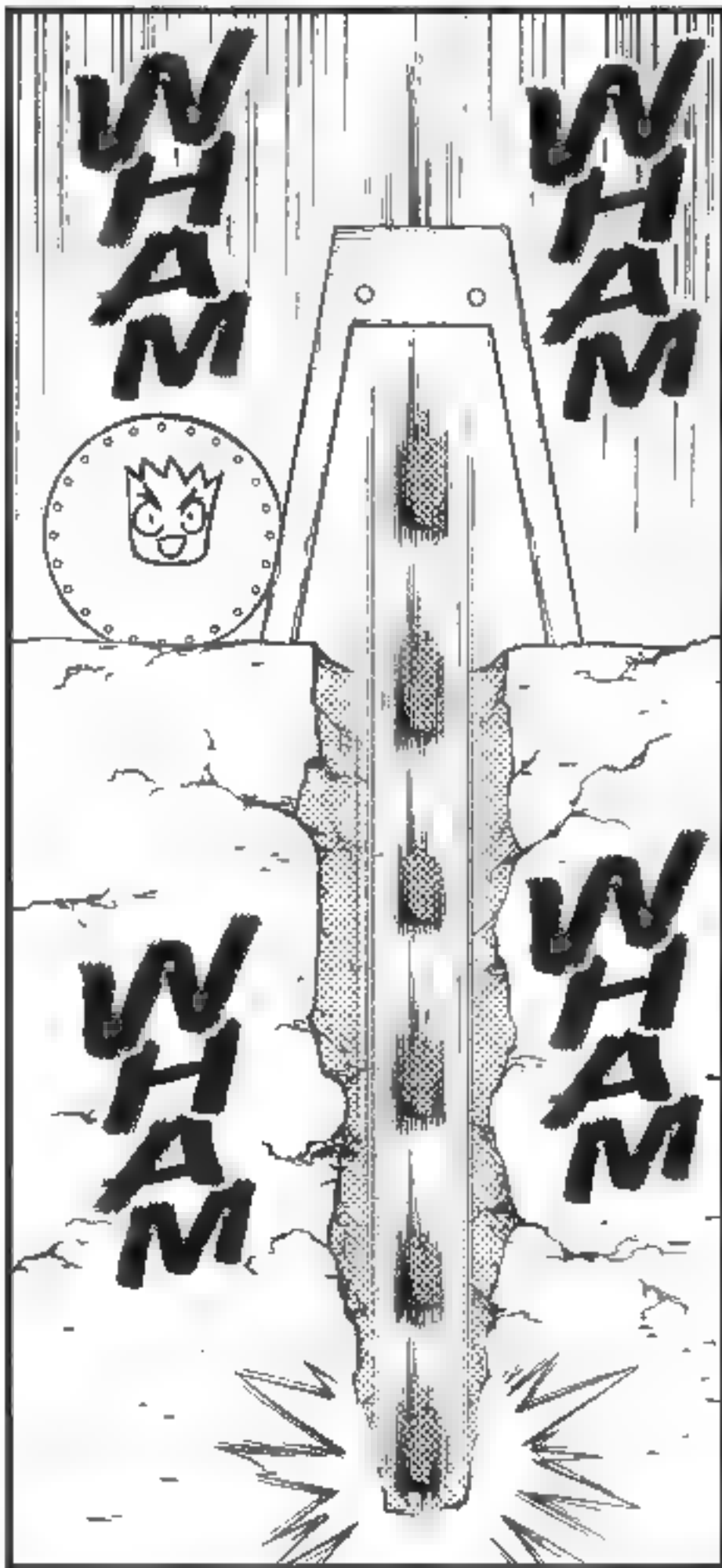
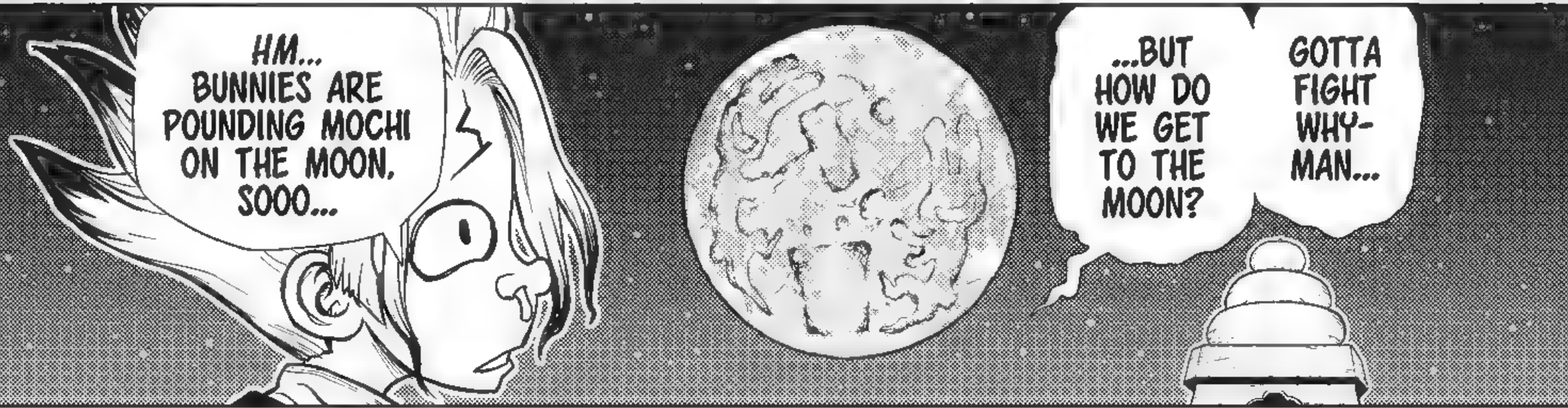
THIS TIME  
AROUND,  
IT'S OUR  
CREATION...



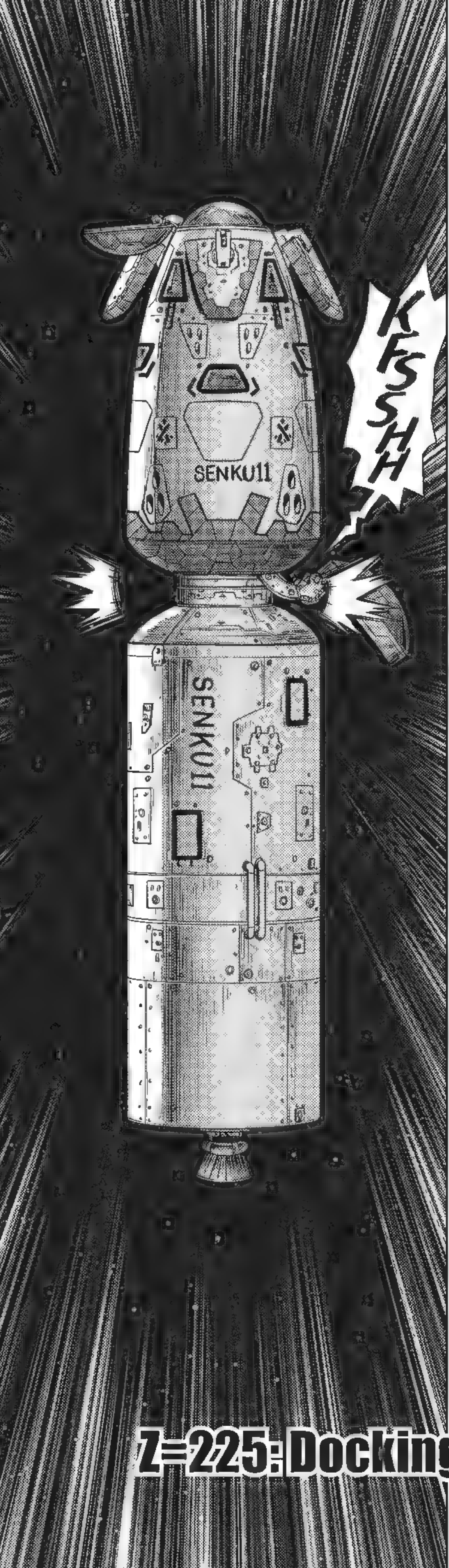




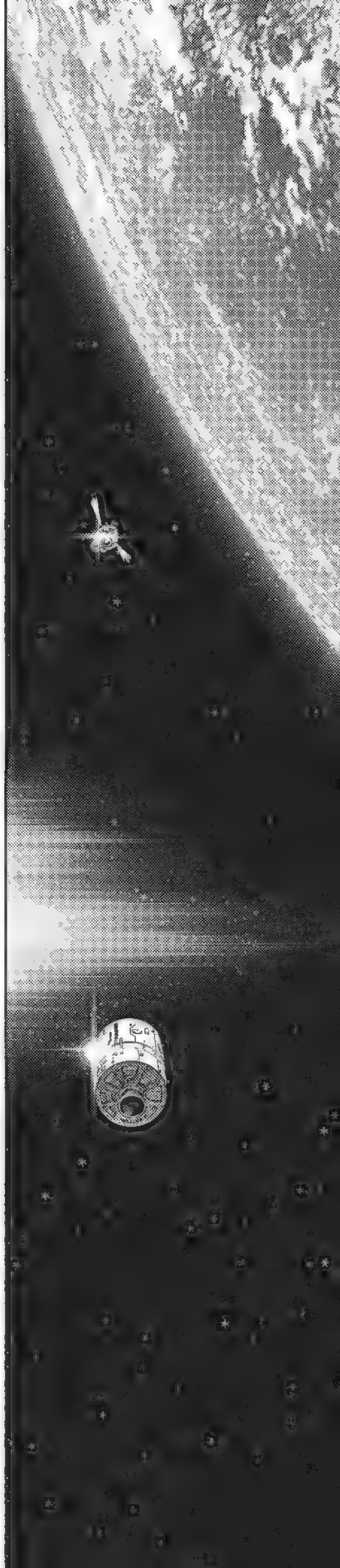
# Side Story: If Senku Were an Idiot







**Z-225: Docking**



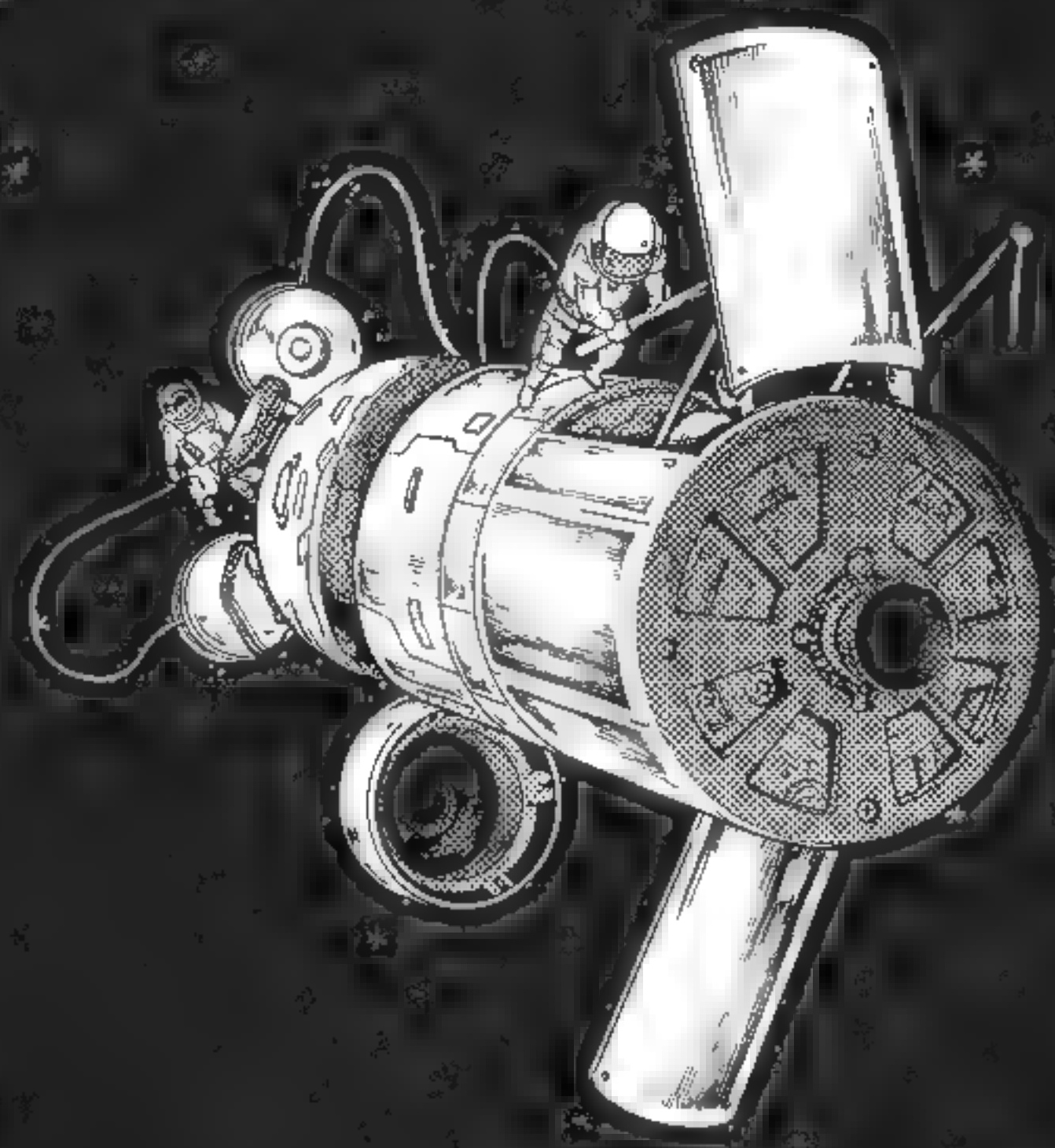






**I CAN'T  
HEAR A  
THING!**

**OUR  
RADIO...**

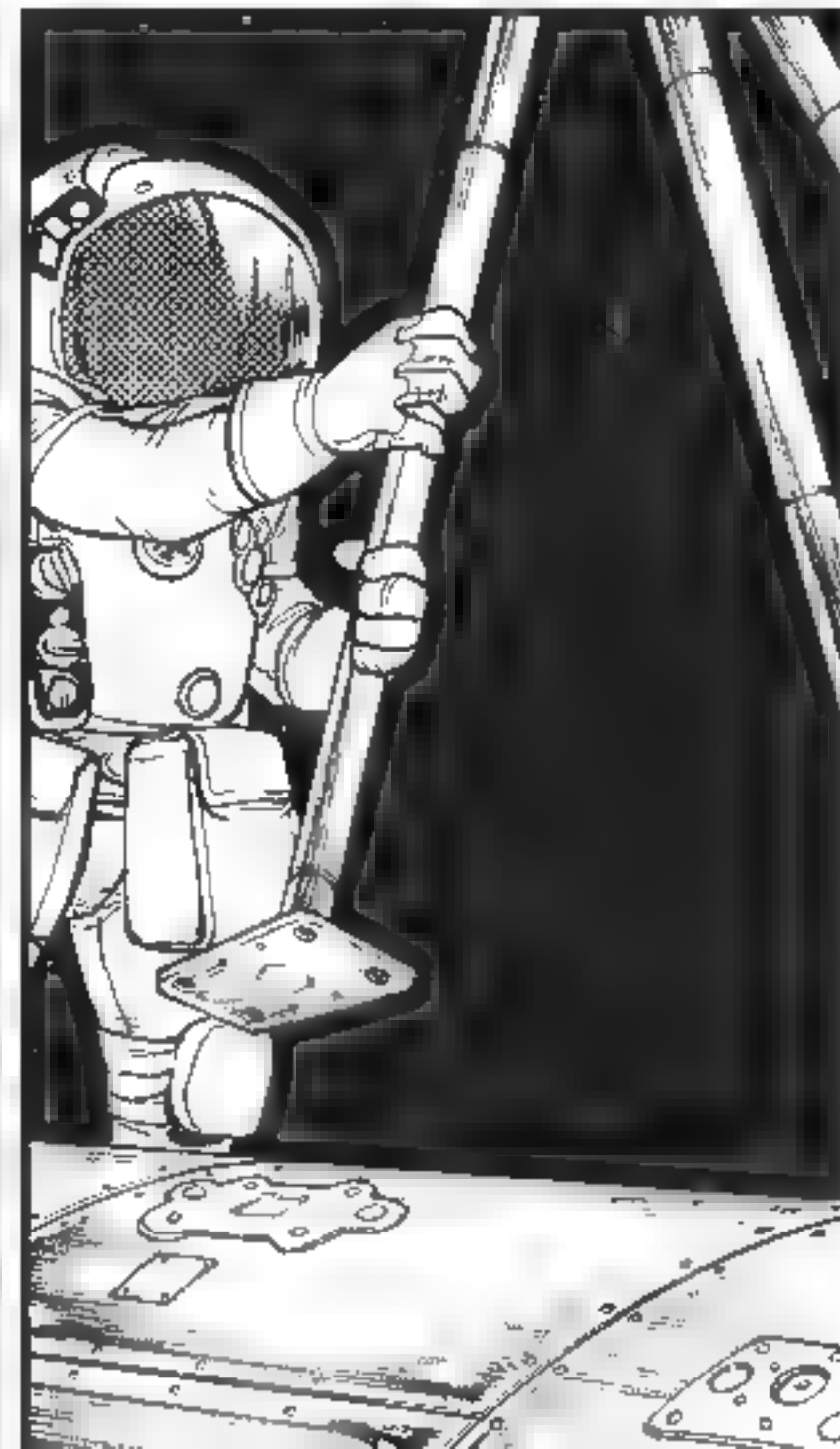
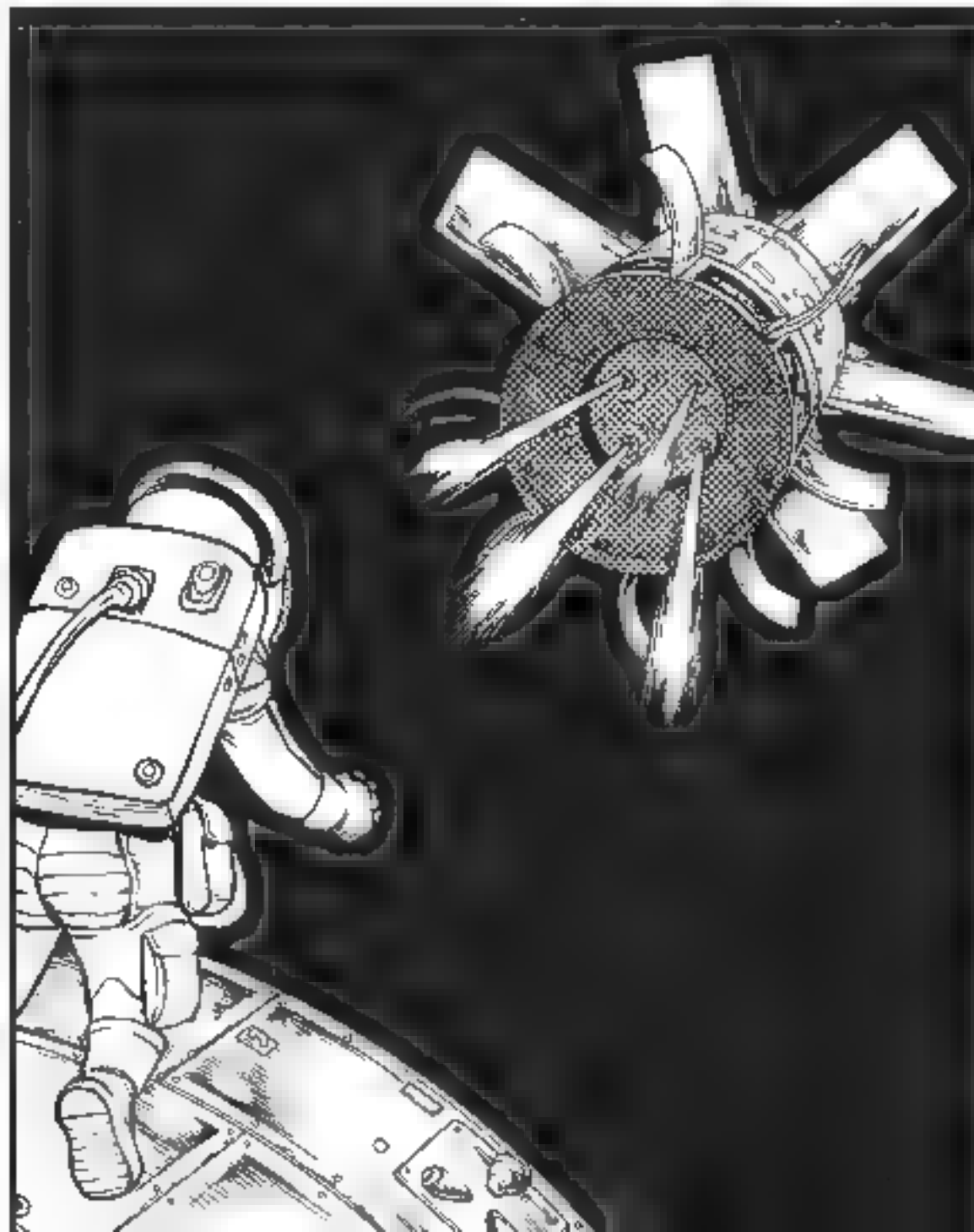


**NOT  
BAD.**

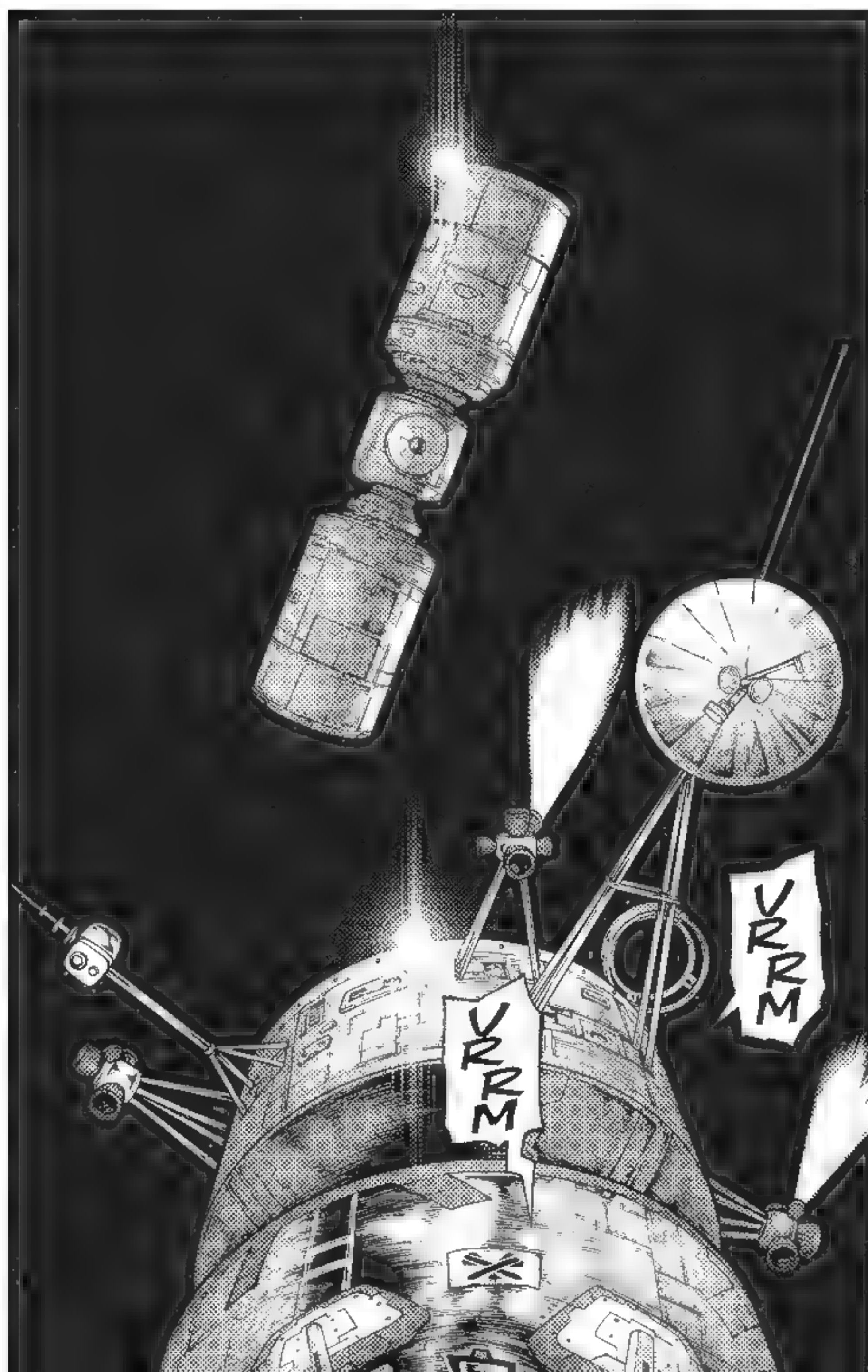
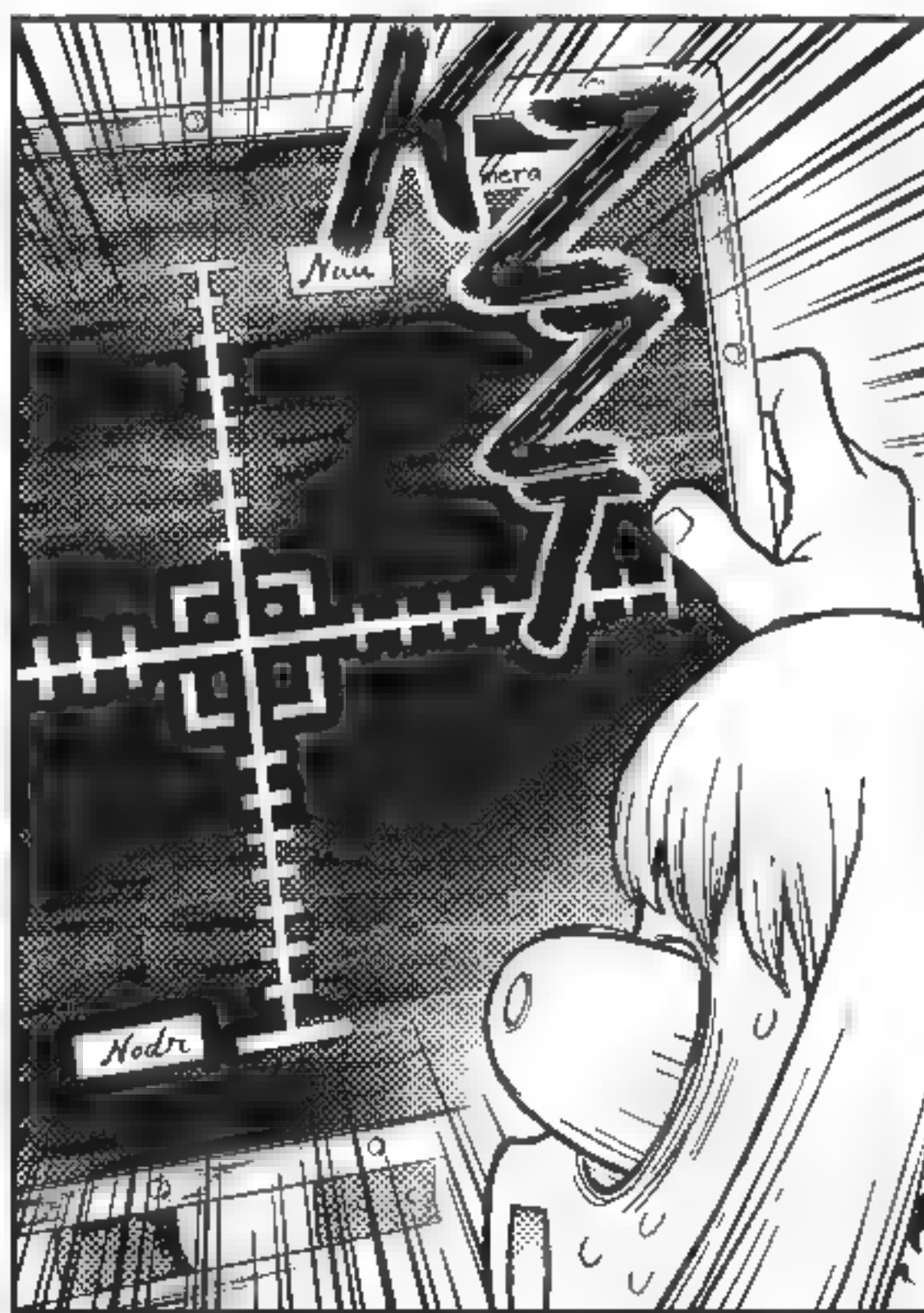
**I'VE HEARD  
ABOUT  
YOUR 20/1.8  
EYESIGHT.**

**YOU NEED  
SOMETHING  
SPOTTED? NO NEED  
TO WORRY, EVEN  
ON THE DOCKING  
SCREEN!**

**UNIT 3  
IS COMING  
IN FAST!**





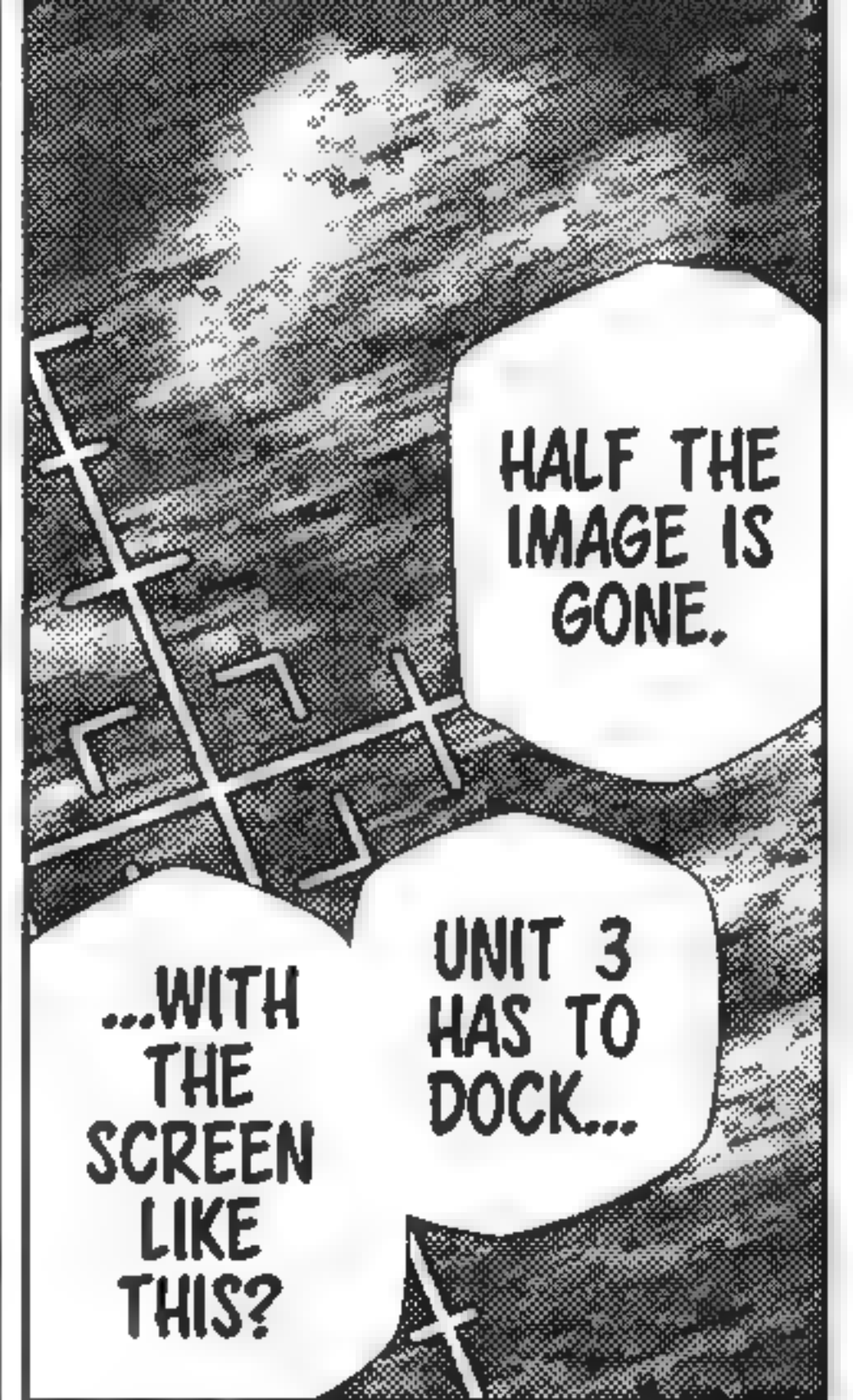






STANLEY.  
CAN YOU  
GET IT  
DONE...

...WITH  
YOUR  
SKILLS  
ALONE?



HALF THE  
IMAGE IS  
GONE.

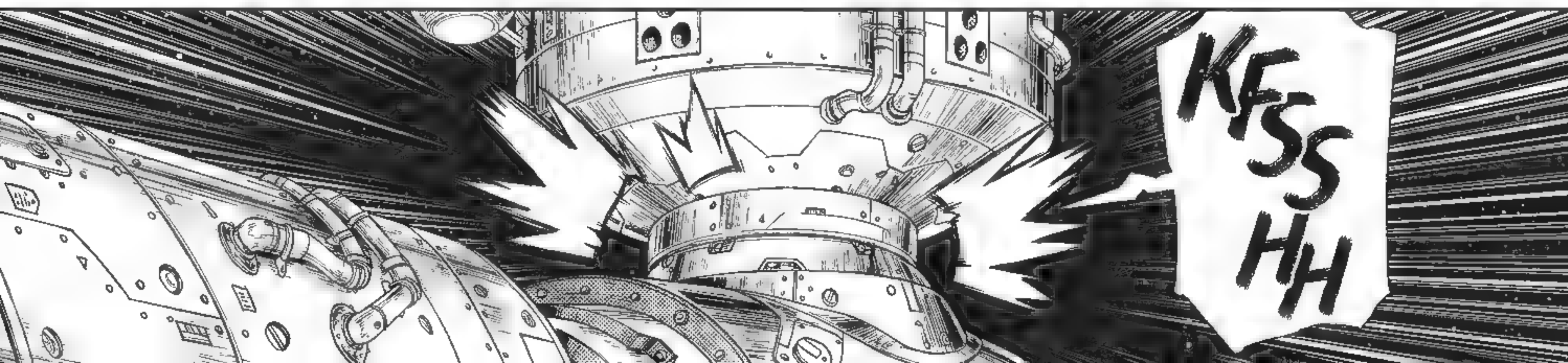
...WITH  
THE  
SCREEN  
LIKE  
THIS?

UNIT 3  
HAS TO  
DOCK...



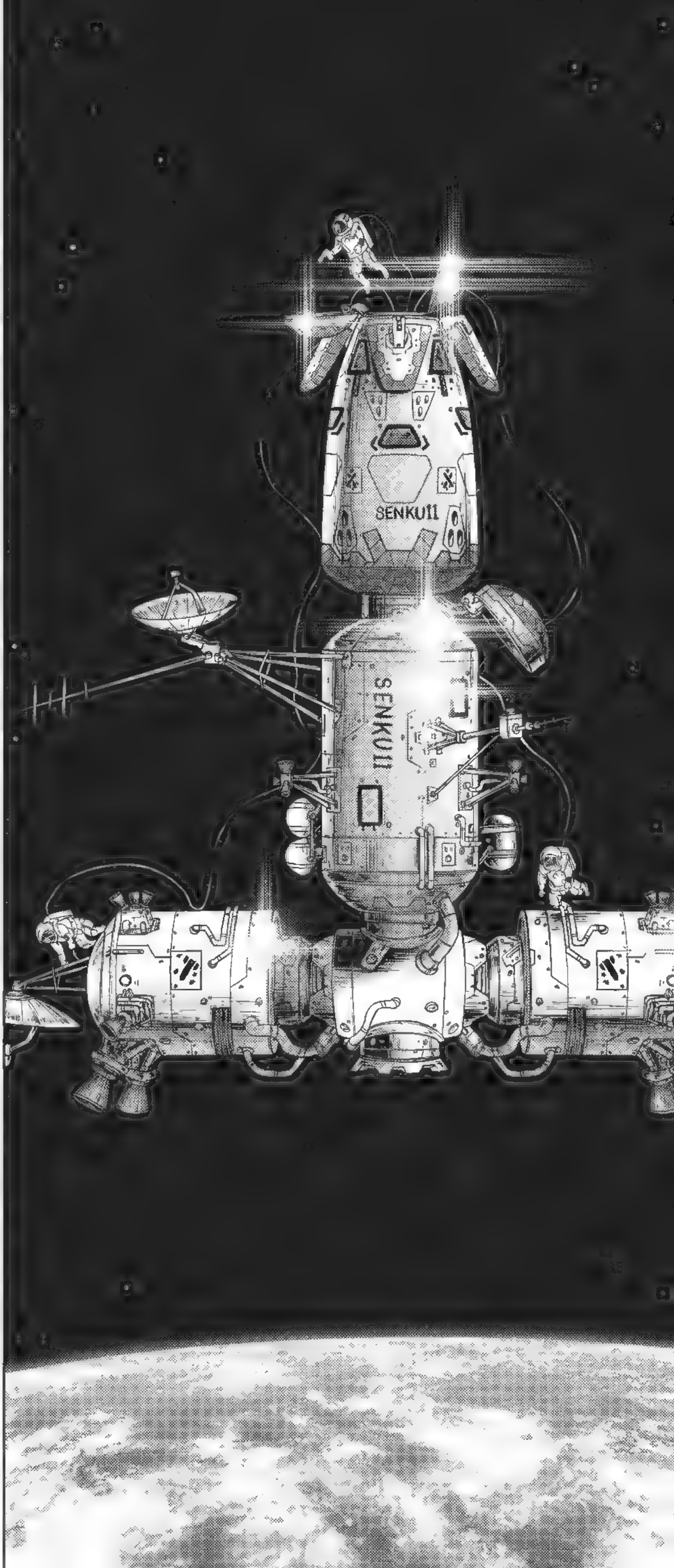
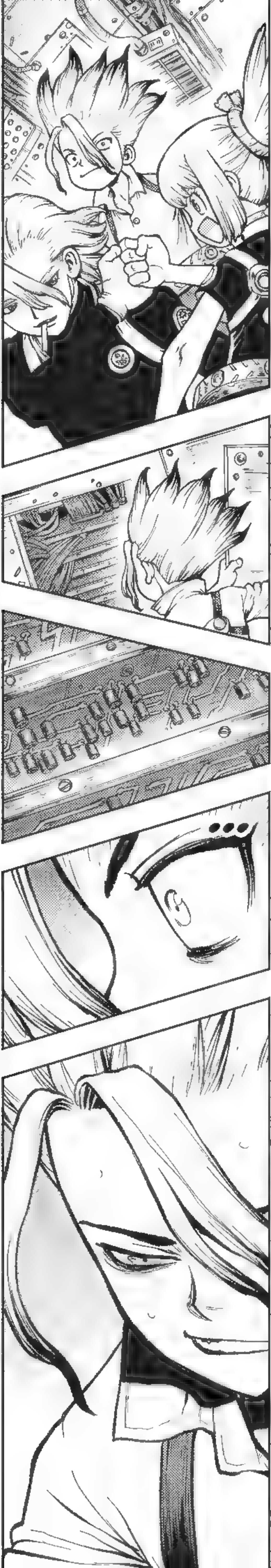
**YEAH.**

**I CAN.**



**KFSS  
HH**









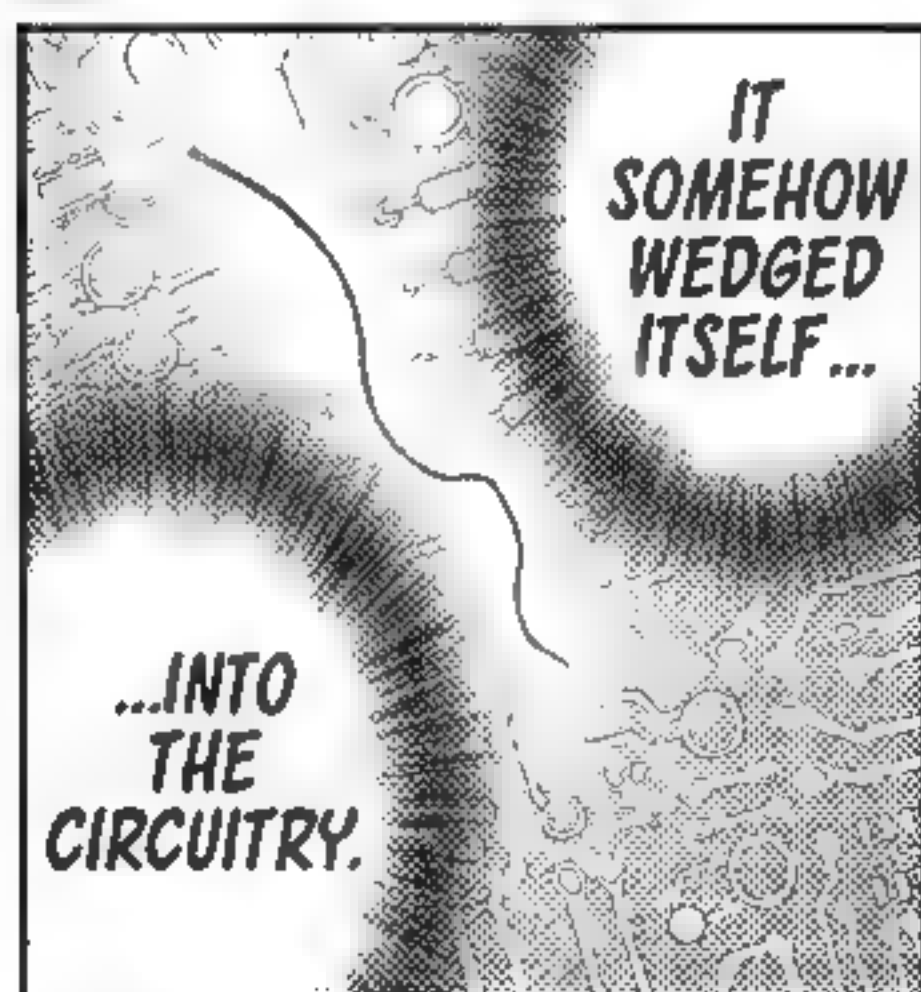
A STONE  
FRAGMENT,  
FROM  
SOMEONE?

WHAT'S  
THAT?

SOME  
LITTLE  
STICK?

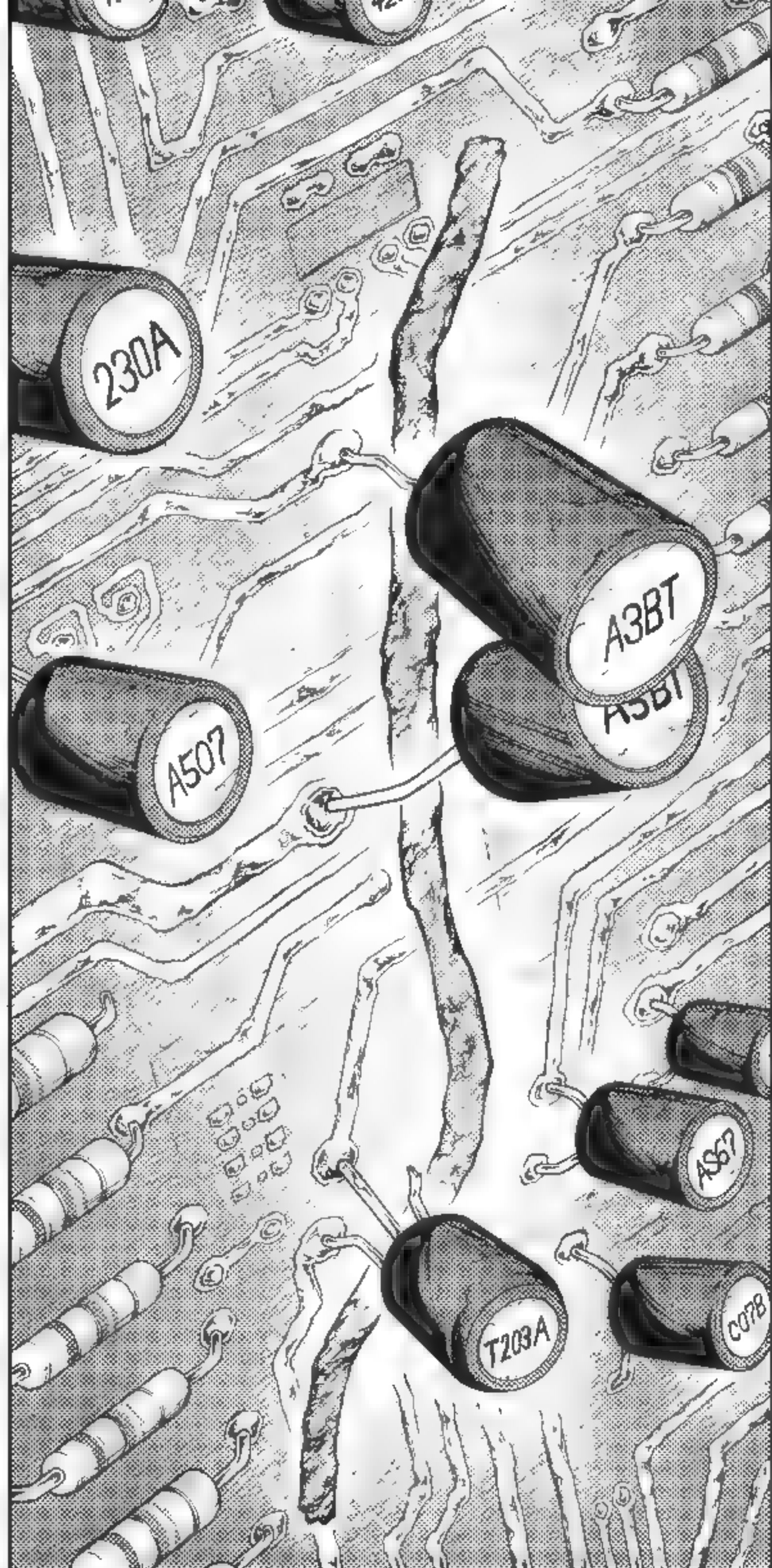
...LIKE  
A STONY  
STRAND  
OF HUMAN  
HAIR.

LOOKS  
TO ME...



IT  
SOMEHOW  
WEDGED  
ITSELF...

...INTO  
THE  
CIRCUITRY.



WELL,  
CRAP.

HEH  
HEH  
HEH...

I  
FOUND...

...OUR  
PROBLEM.

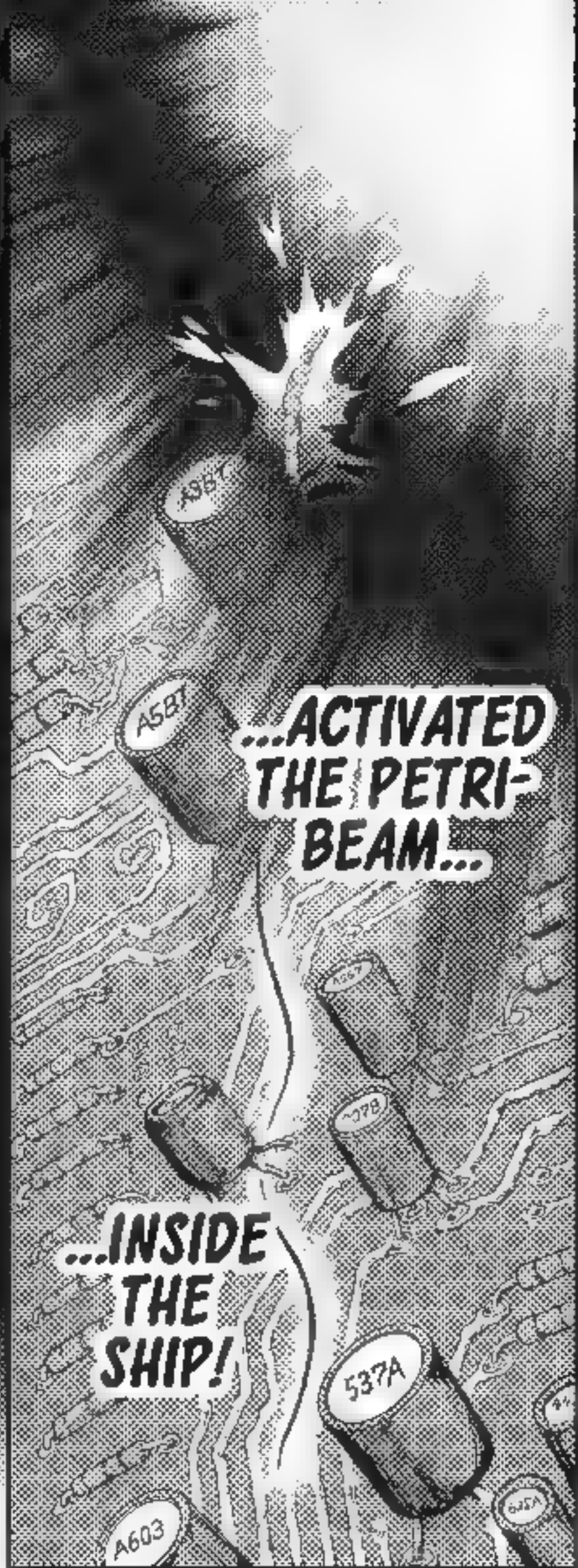


BUT HOW  
DID AN  
ORDINARY  
PIECE OF  
HAIR...

...GET  
PETRIFIED  
THERE...?







...ACTIVATED  
THE PETRI-  
BEAM...

...INSIDE  
THE  
SHIP!



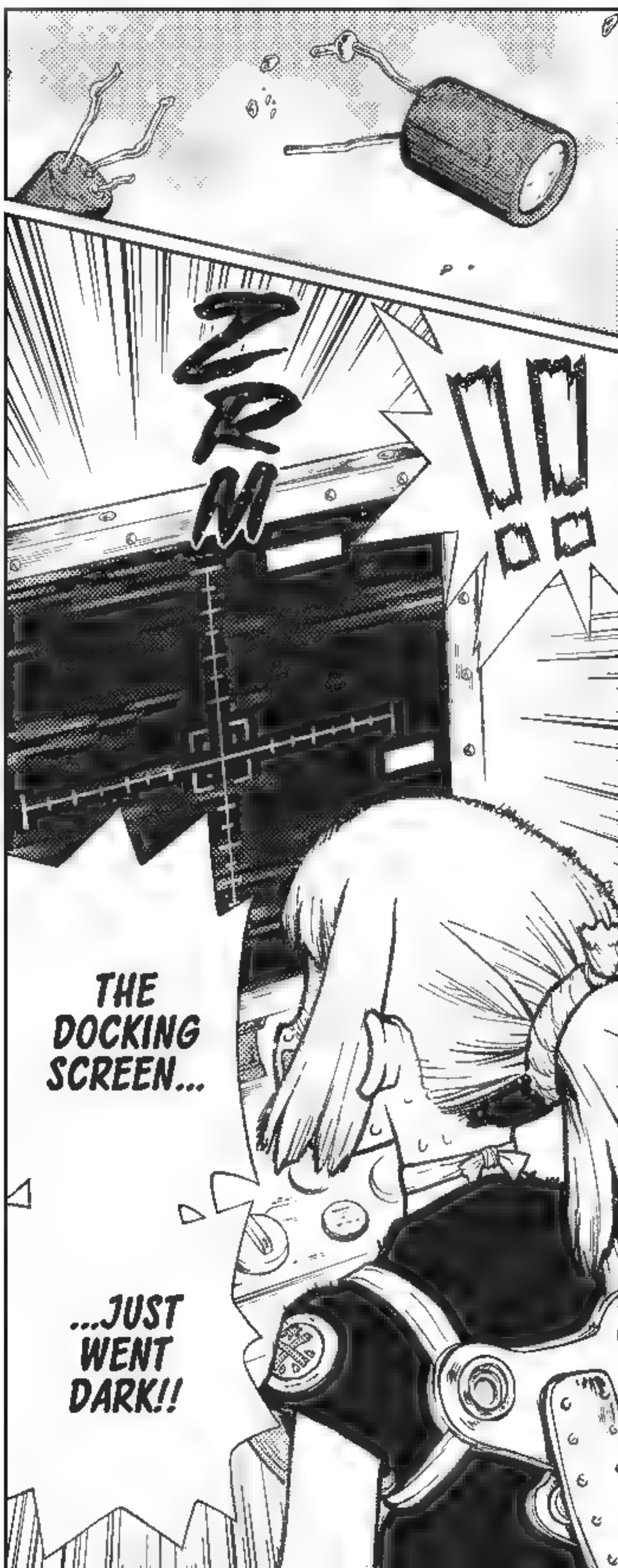
JUST  
BEFORE  
THE  
LAUNCH  
...

...WHEN  
WE...



<FIVE  
METERS.>

<ONE  
SECOND.>



THE  
DOCKING  
SCREEN...

...JUST  
WENT  
DARK!!



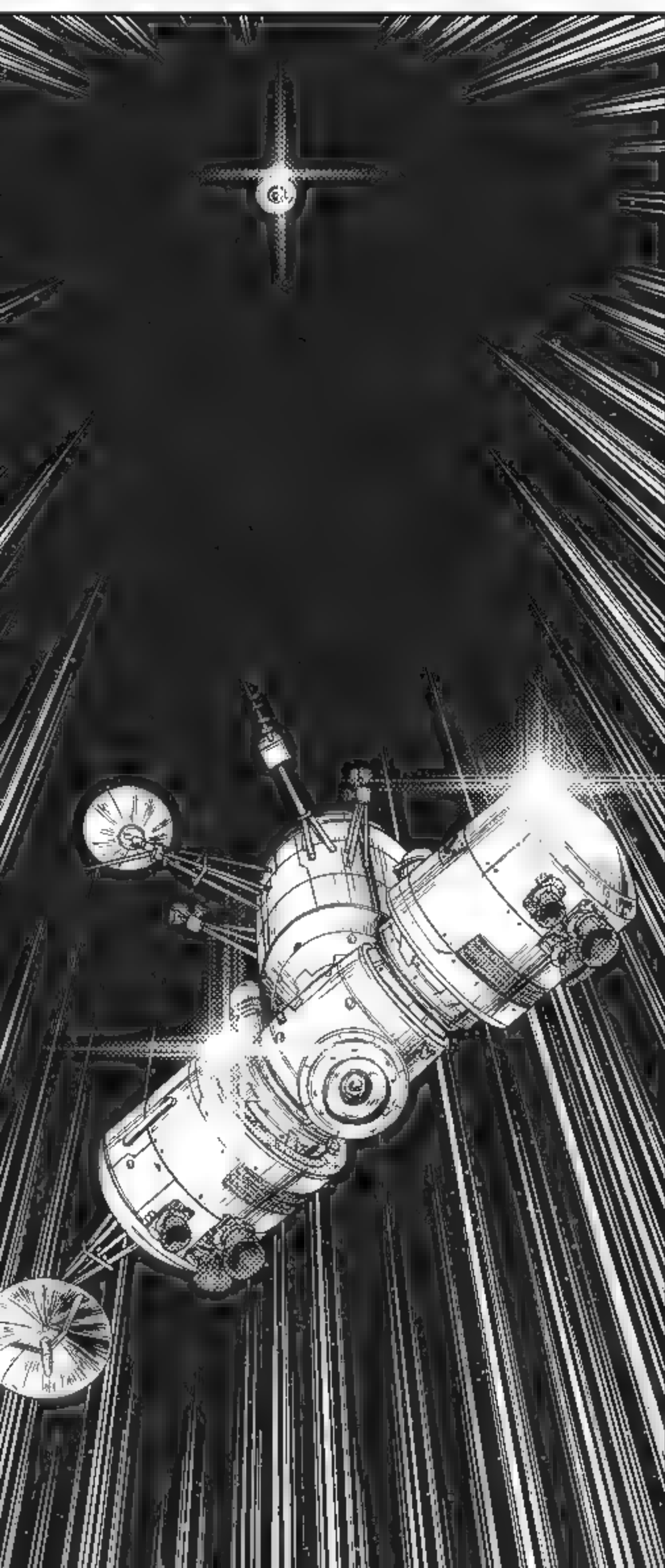
THAT'S  
HOW WE  
MAKE  
PROGRESS  
WITH  
SCIENCE.

TRIAL  
AND  
ERROR...

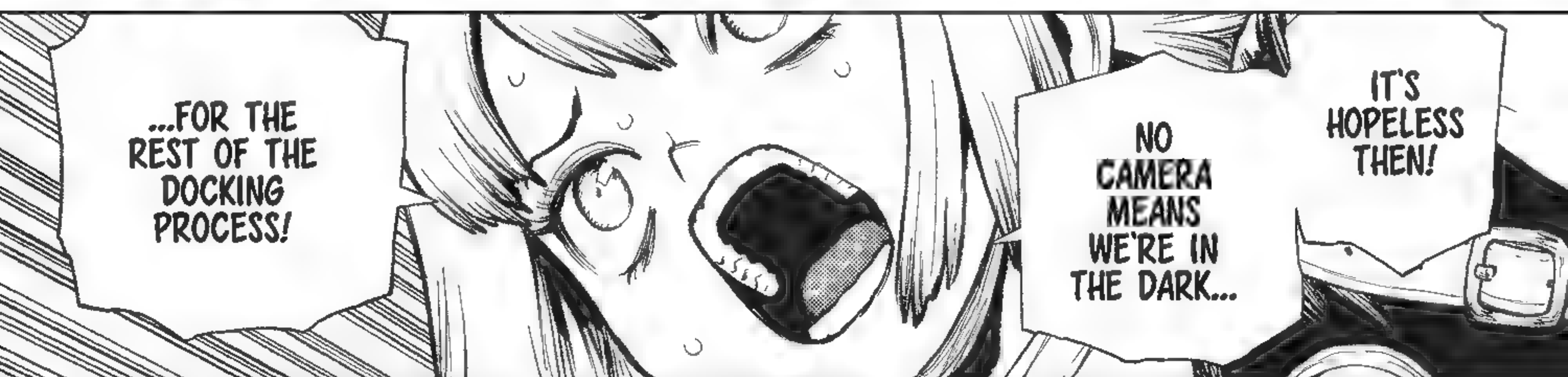
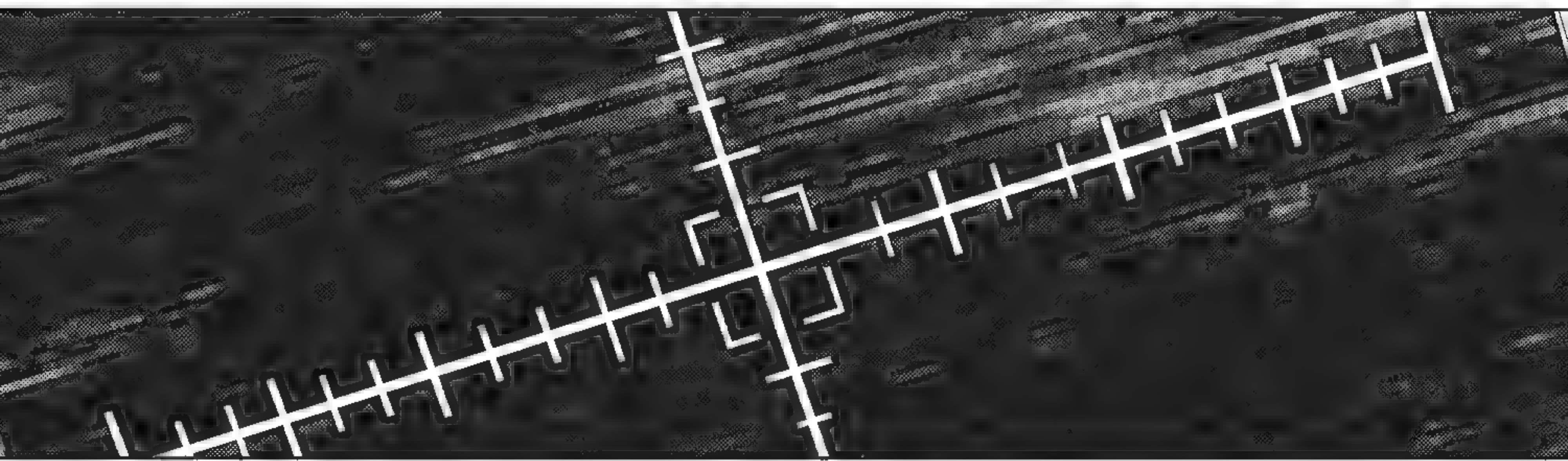
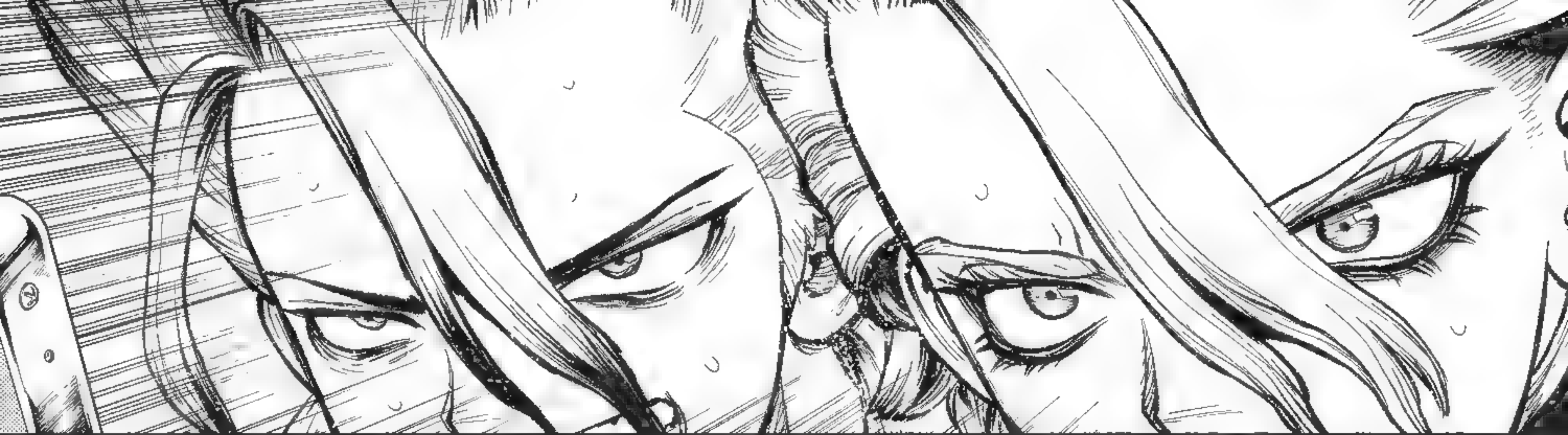
WE SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
MOVED  
AFTER BEING  
PETRIFIED.

THE  
EXPLANATION  
OF WHAT WENT  
WRONG ALWAYS  
COMES AFTER  
THE FACT.













YOU...

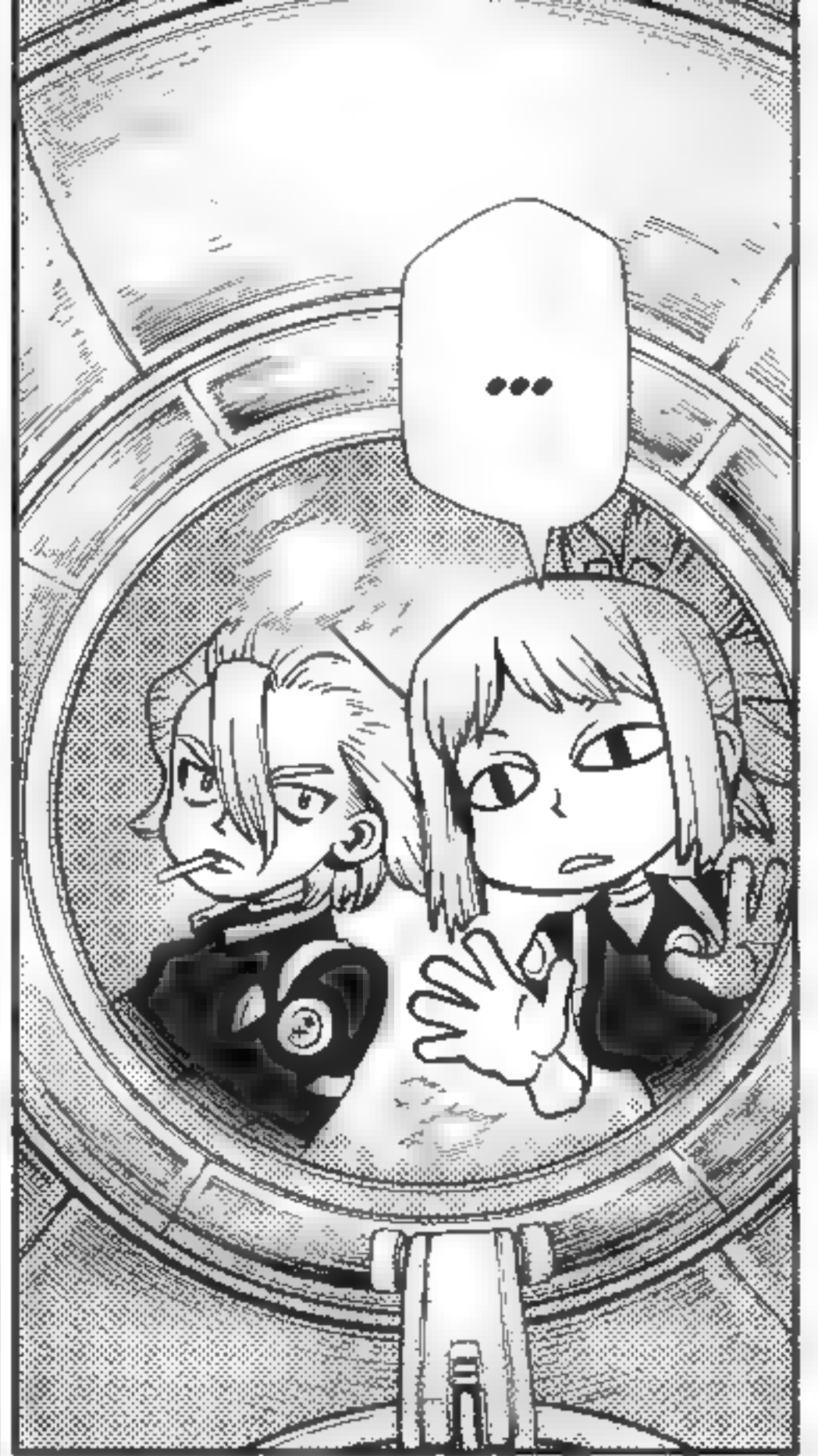
...AIN'T  
WRONG.



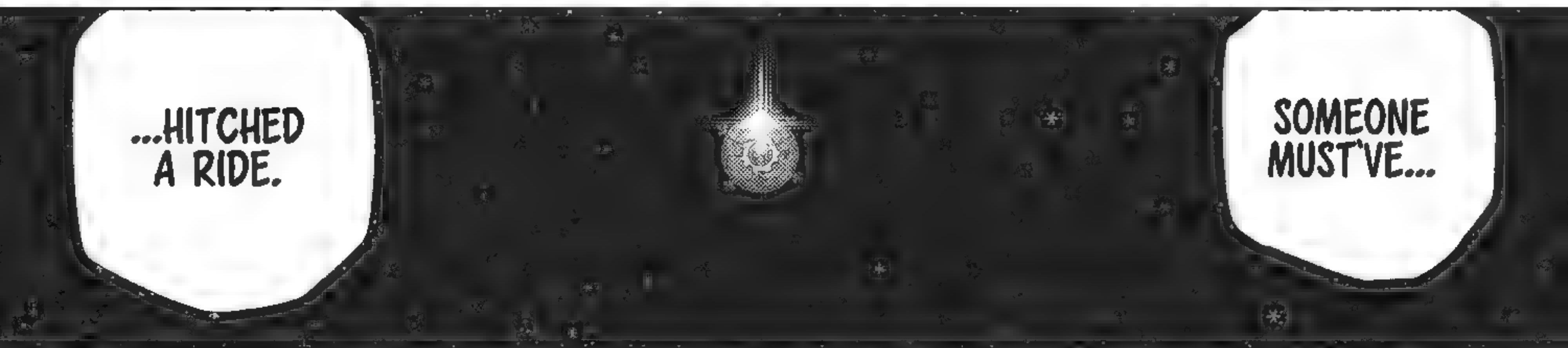
UNLESS MY  
EYES ARE  
TRICKING  
ME...

THAT'S  
ODD.

..DID THE  
UNMANNED  
UNIT 4 JUST  
WIGGLE  
AROUND ON  
ITS OWN?



...



...HITCHED  
A RIDE.

SOMEONE  
MUST'VE...



...FOR A  
PERSON TO  
CRAM IN  
THERE.

THERE'S  
DEFINITELY  
SPACE...

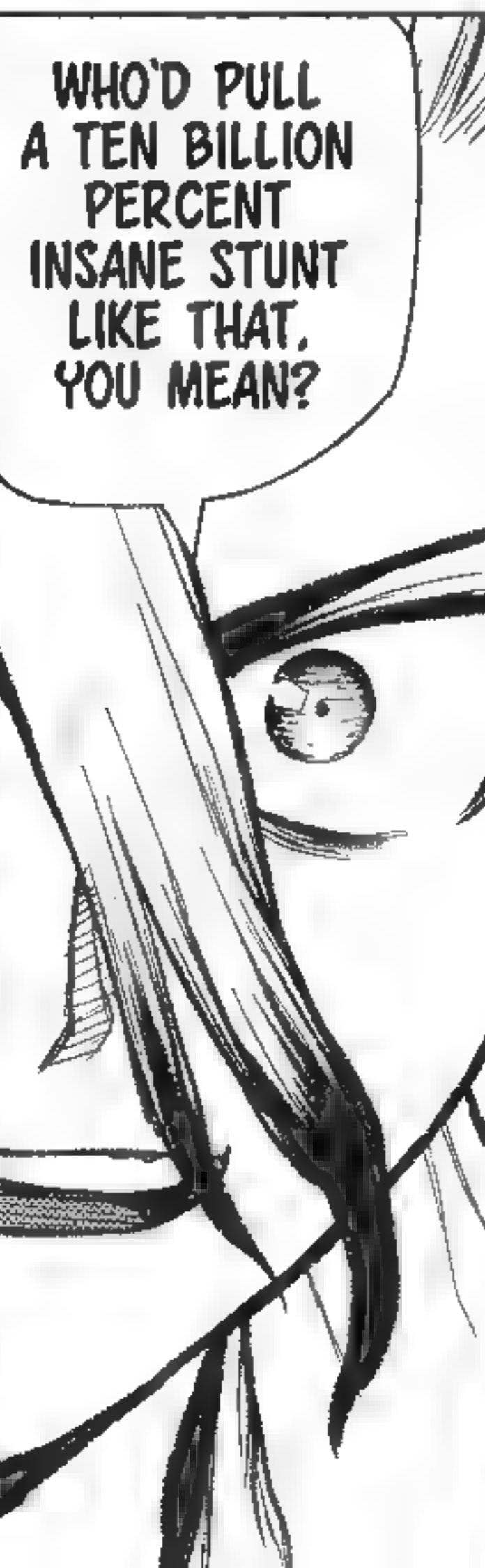
...IS THE  
LUNAR  
LANDER  
ITSELF.

SURE.  
UNIT  
4...



...IN THE  
WHOLE  
STONE  
WORLD!

ONLY  
ONE  
GUY...



WHO'D PULL  
A TEN BILLION  
PERCENT  
INSANE STUNT  
LIKE THAT,  
YOU MEAN?



WHO'D  
BE SO  
RECKLESS?



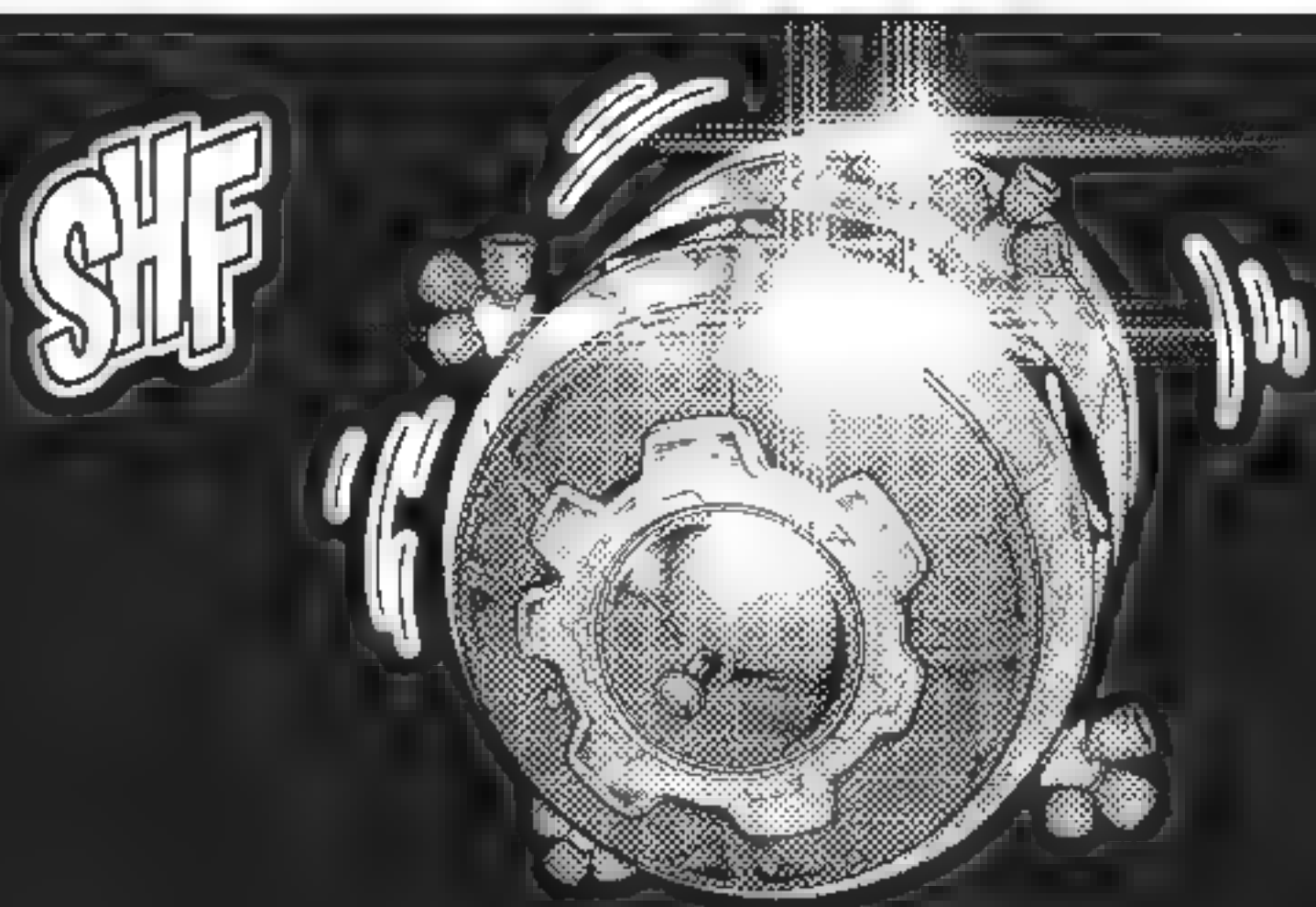
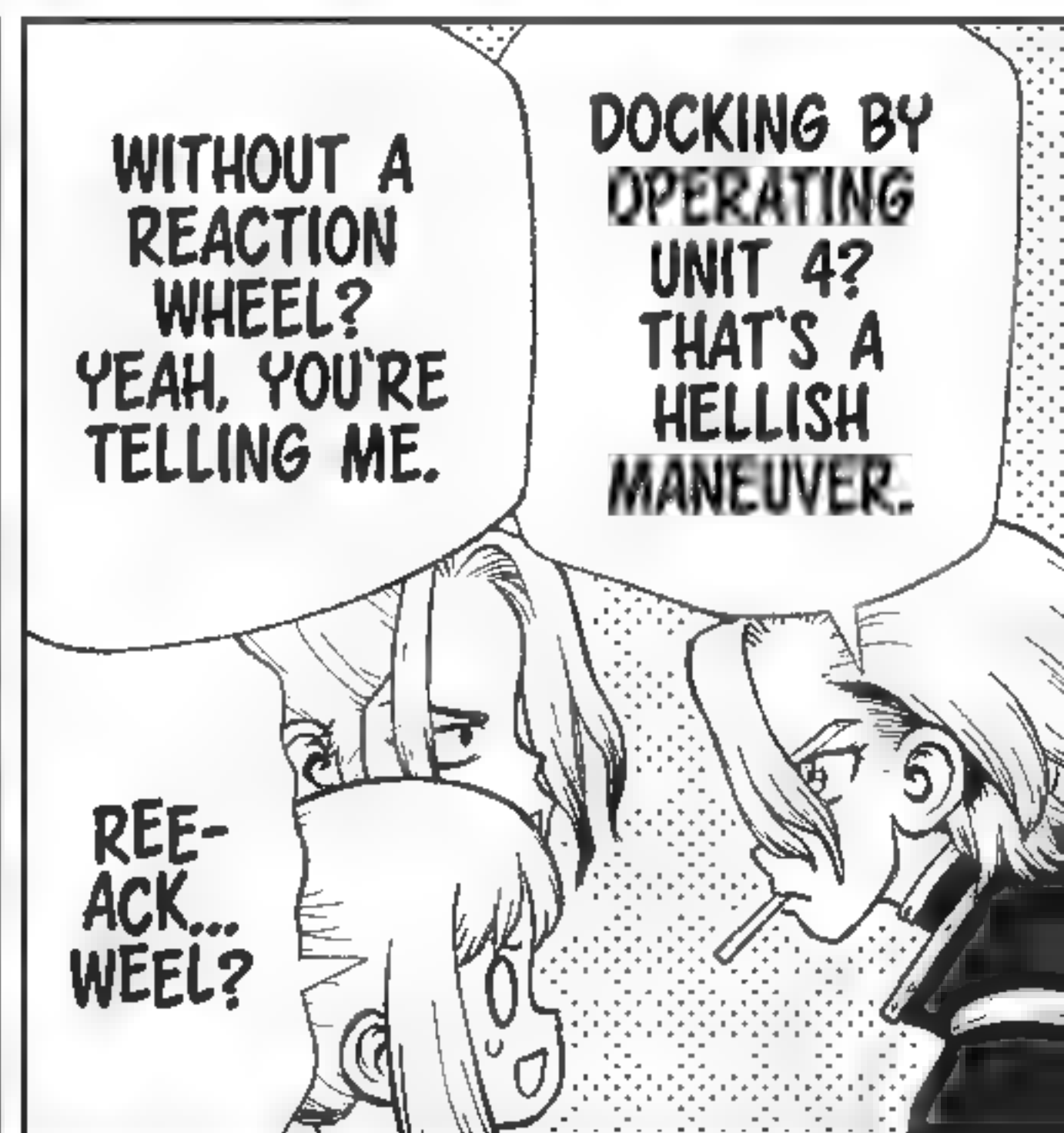
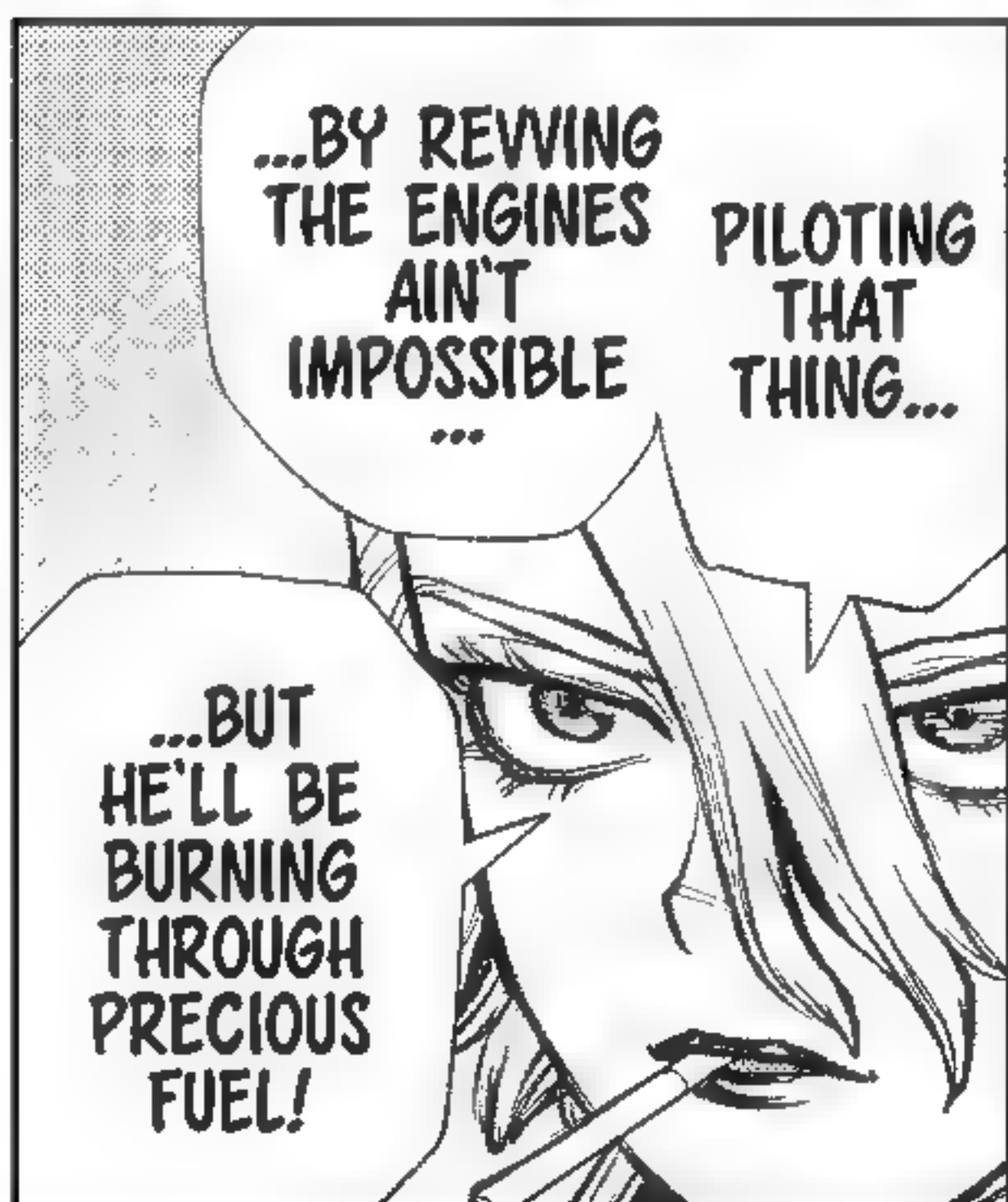
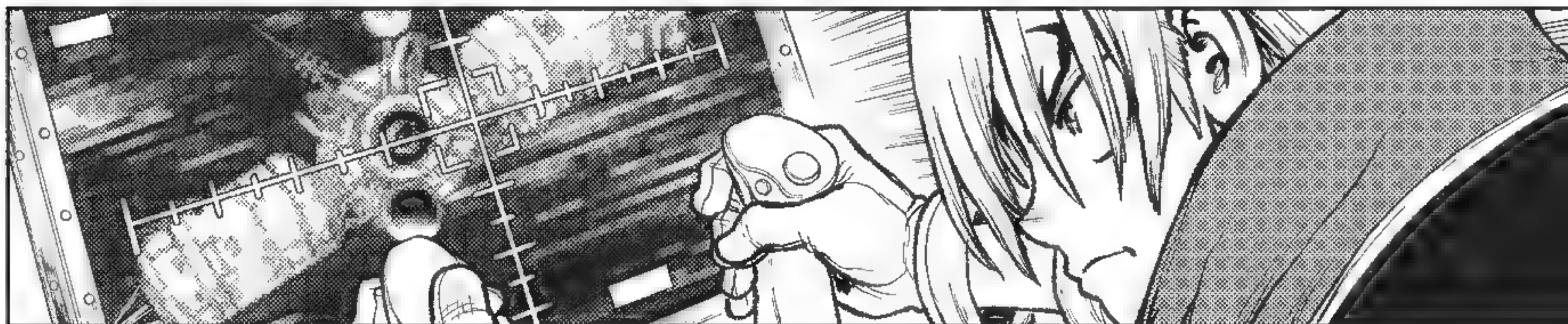


**OUTER  
SPACE IS  
MINE! ALL  
MINE!!**

**HA  
HA  
!!**

**SPACE-  
BORNE,  
AT LAST!**









LEMME GUESS,  
XENO—YOU  
WHIPPED UP A  
CONTROL UNIT  
FOR THAT THING  
JUST BEFORE  
LAUNCH, RIGHT?!

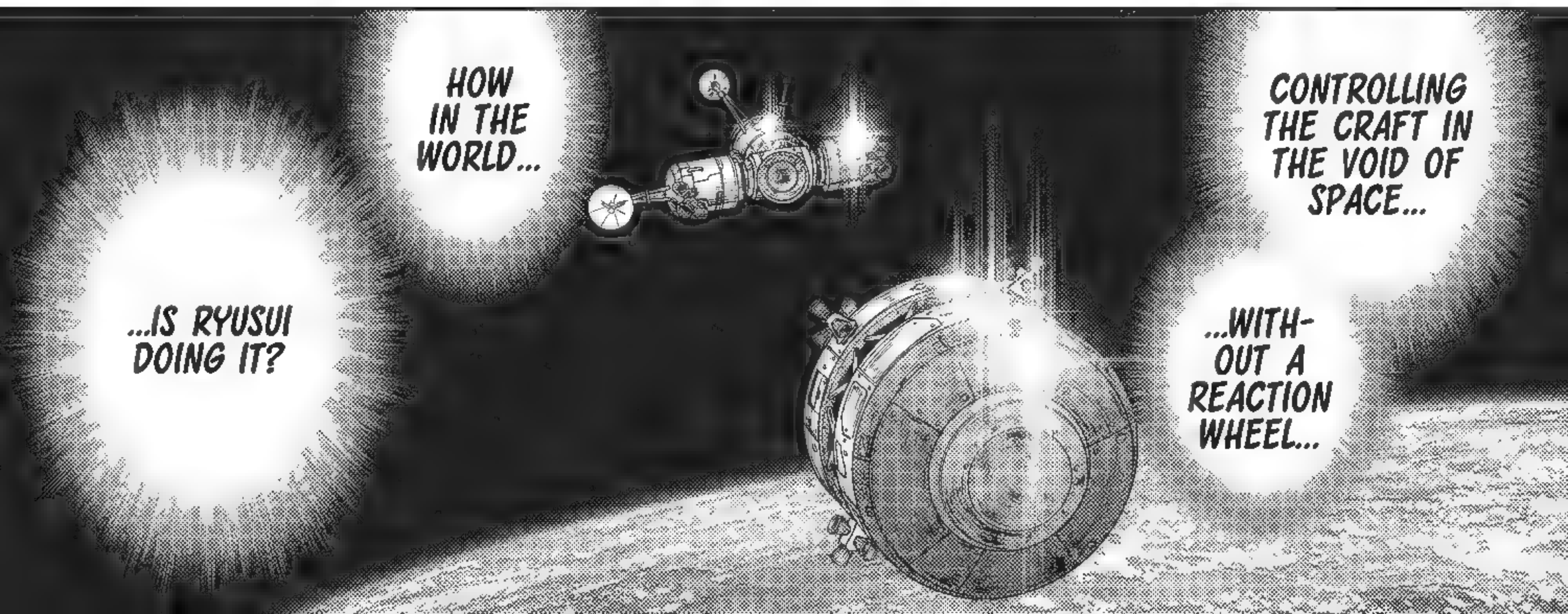
HARDLY.  
THAT'S  
BEYOND  
ME, EVEN.



WAIT!

I JUST  
SAW  
IT, FOR  
SURE!

RYUSUI'S  
SOMEHOW  
ADJUSTING  
THE CRAFT'S  
ANGLE!



HOW  
IN THE  
WORLD...

...IS RYUSUI  
DOING IT?

CONTROLLING  
THE CRAFT IN  
THE VOID OF  
SPACE...

...WITH-  
OUT A  
REACTION  
WHEEL...





HEH HEH  
HEH! HA HA!  
OUR KING  
OF DESIRE  
IS OFF HIS  
GOURD!



THIS  
IS  
NUTS!

FOR  
EAL-  
RAY?



HA HA!  
WHEN WE  
LACK WHAT  
WE DESIRE,  
WE CREATE  
IT! AM I  
WRONG?!

I'M  
MY OWN  
GYROSCOPE!

A HUMAN  
REACTION  
WHEEL!

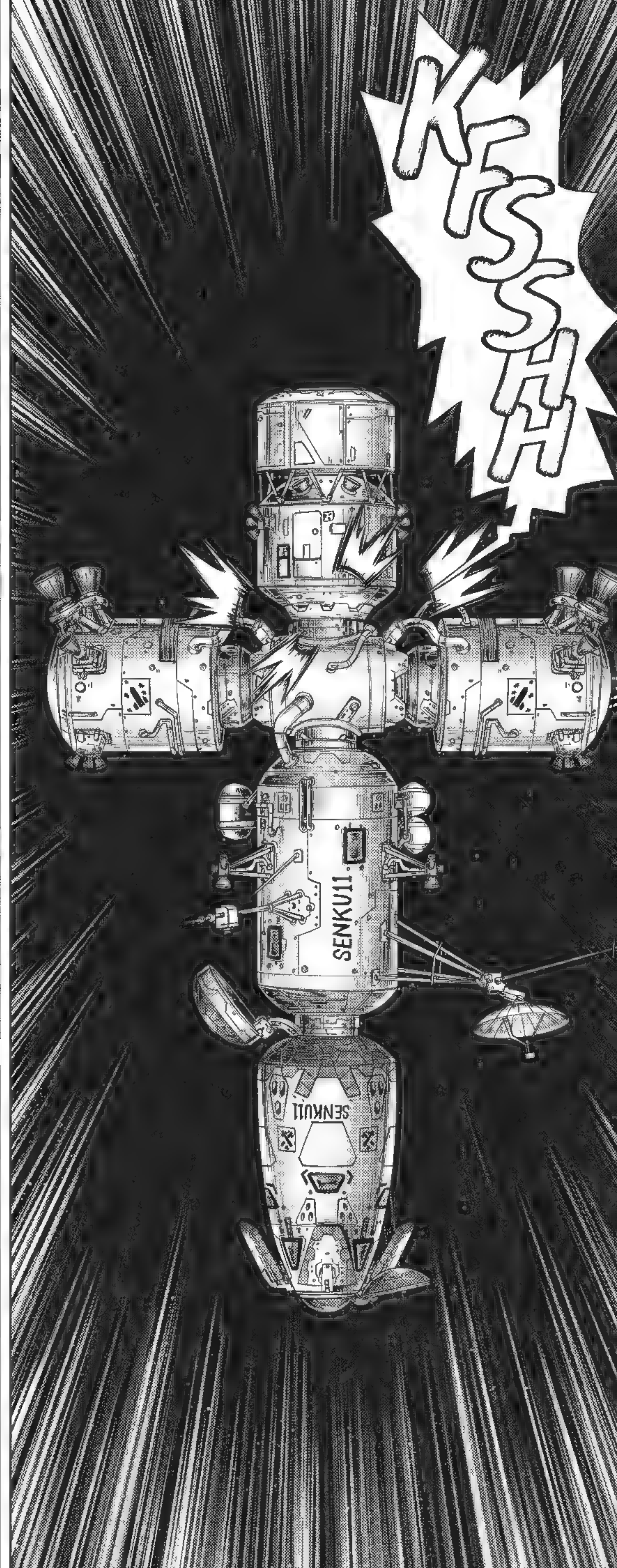
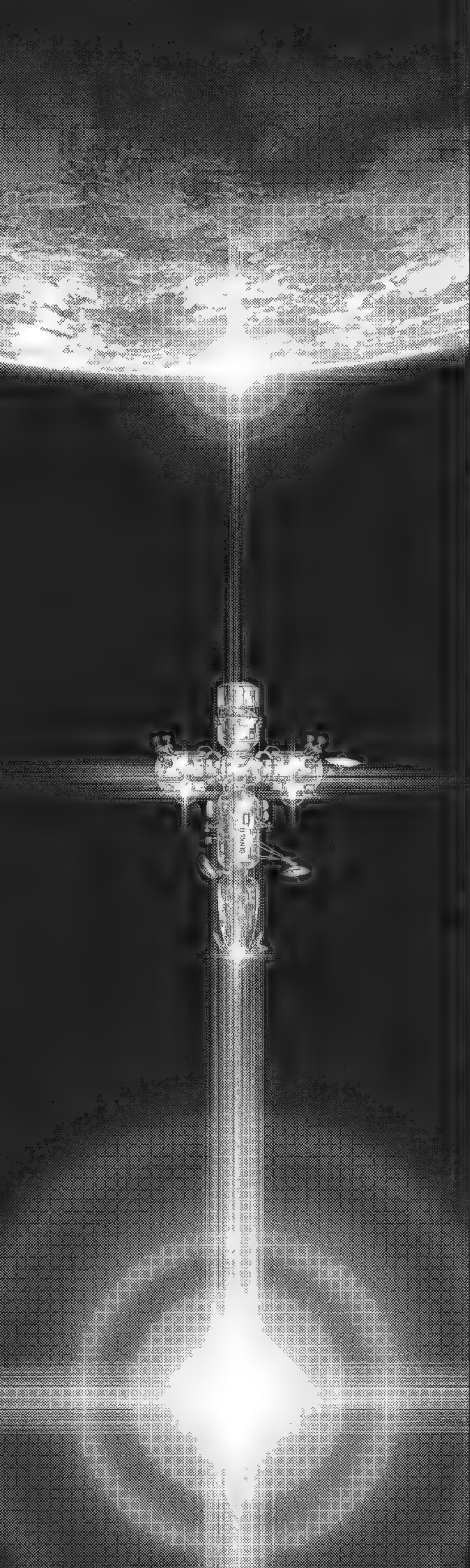


FW  
RR  
RL

FW  
RR  
RL

FW  
RR  
RL







# UNBUSTABLE

IF SENKU WERE  
AN IDIOT...



1 plus  
1 is  
prolly  
2





**Z=226: Giant Step**





OR, AS  
HE WOULD  
PUT IT,  
"OUTER  
SPACE IS  
MINE!"

HOORAY!

AFTER MUCH  
ADO, DEAR  
RYUSUI MADE  
IT INTO SPACE  
AFTER ALL.

HOORAY!

ONDERFUL-  
WAY.

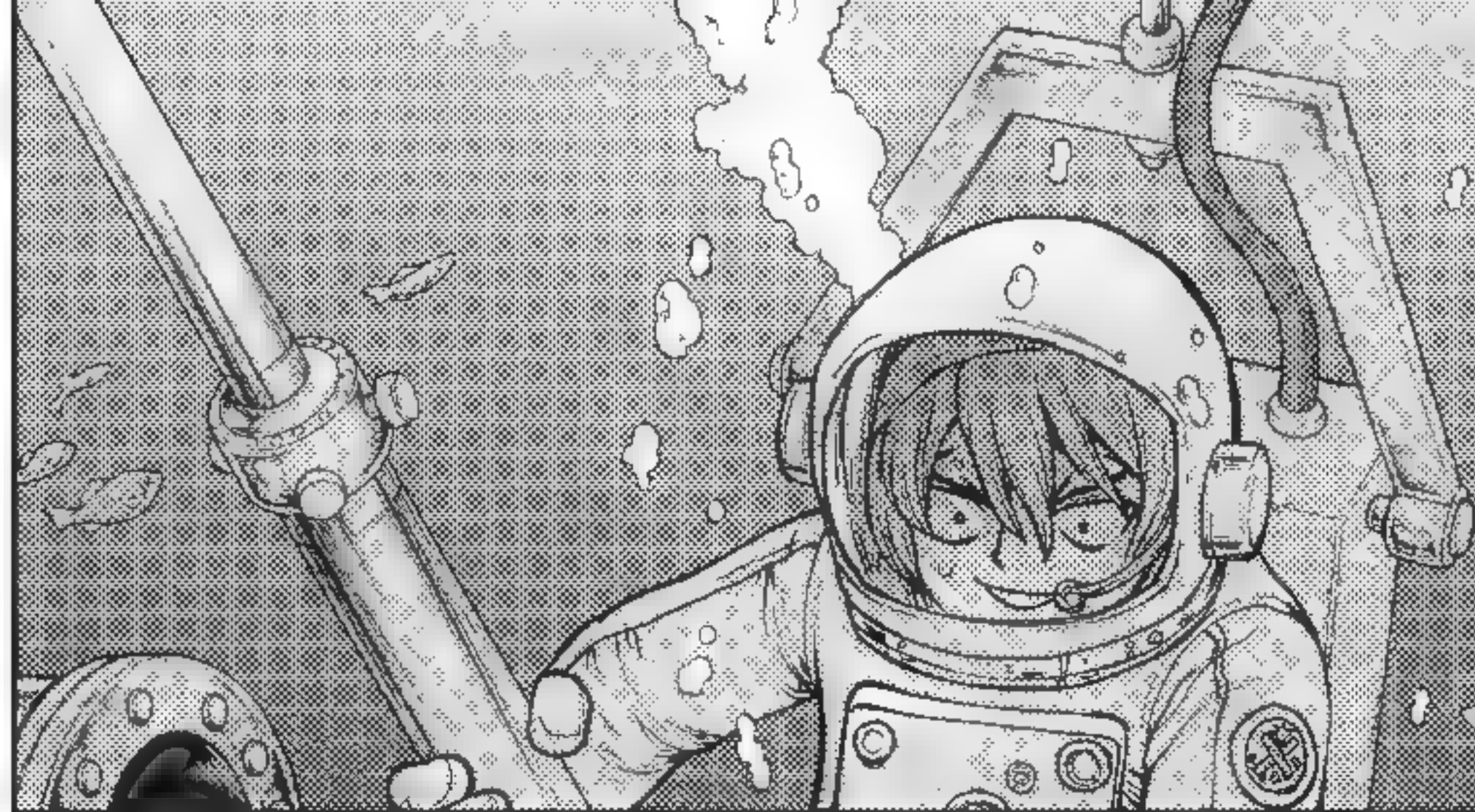


INDEED. HE  
ANTICIPATED  
THIS TURN OF  
EVENTS.

...THERE'S  
NOTHING  
COINCIDENTAL  
ABOUT IT.

THOUGH  
I MUST  
SAY...



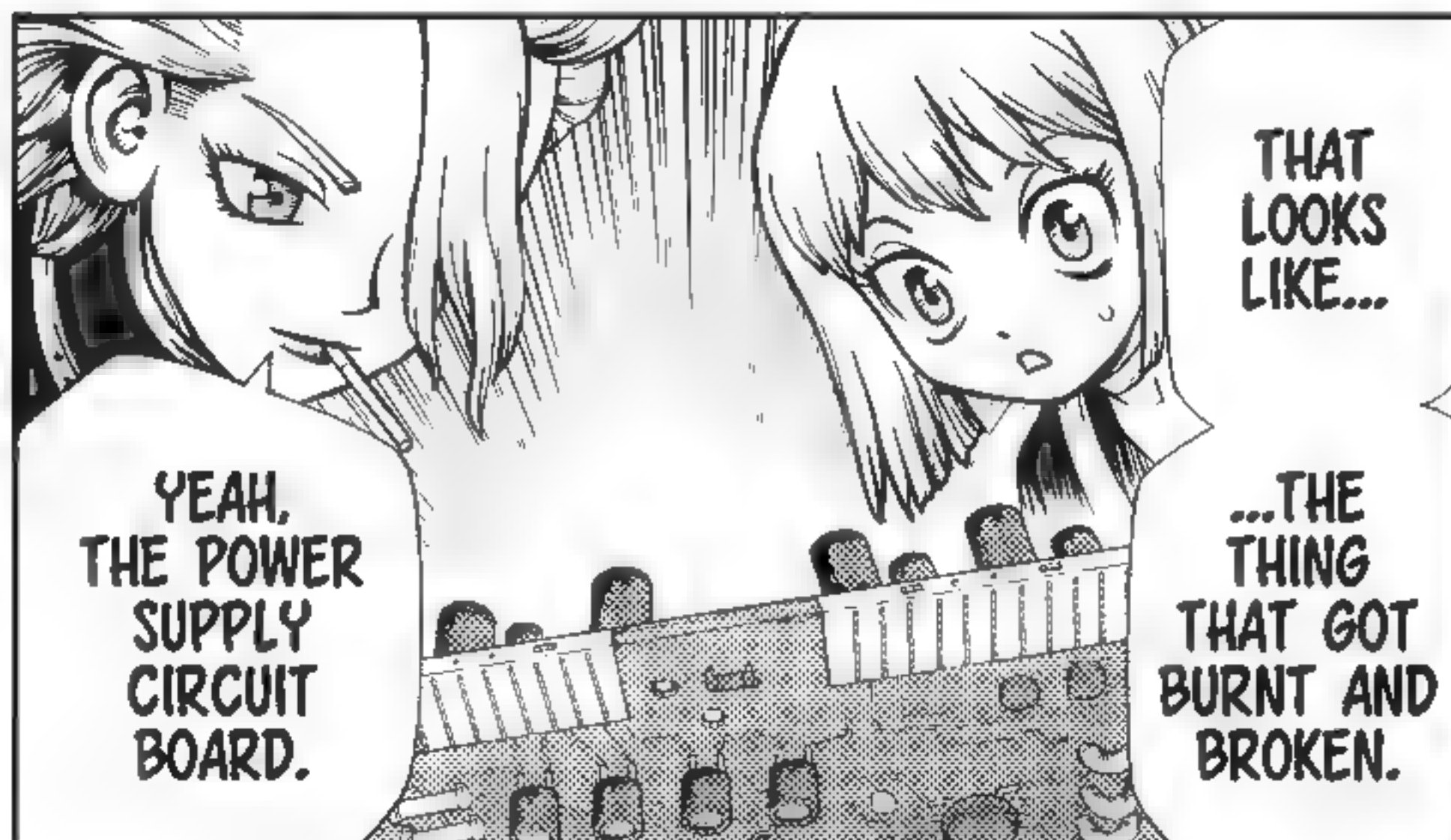


...MASTER  
RYUSUI  
DILIGENTLY  
KEPT UP  
WITH THAT  
DEMANDING  
TRAINING.

EVEN AFTER  
HE LOST HIS  
SEAT ON THE  
ROCKET...

...**DESIRE  
IS NOBLE!**

**BECAUSE...**



YEAH,  
THE POWER  
SUPPLY  
CIRCUIT  
BOARD.

THAT  
LOOKS  
LIKE...

...THE  
THING  
THAT GOT  
BURNT AND  
BROKEN.



WE WERE  
ABLE TO  
OVERHEAR  
YOUR  
PREDICAMENT.

AN  
ELEGANT  
GIFT,  
NO?

OUR  
CONTROL  
TEAM DOWN  
ON EARTH  
PULLED  
THROUGH!

NICELY  
DONE!

HEH HEH  
HEH... MUCH  
APPRECIATED.  
NO EASIER WAY  
TO REPAIR THAN  
SWAPPING OUT THE  
WHOLE PART.





TIME...

...TO  
RUN THE  
NUMBERS  
AGAIN.

THERE'S  
PLENTY  
TO RE-  
CALCULATE.



NOT  
AN EXTRA  
DRAIN ON  
THE LIFE  
SUPPORT  
RESOURCES!

ONCE  
PETRIFIED,  
I'LL JUST  
BE ANOTHER  
PIECE OF  
CARGO!



YEAH,  
THOUGH IT'S  
GONNA BE  
KINDA COZY  
IN HERE.



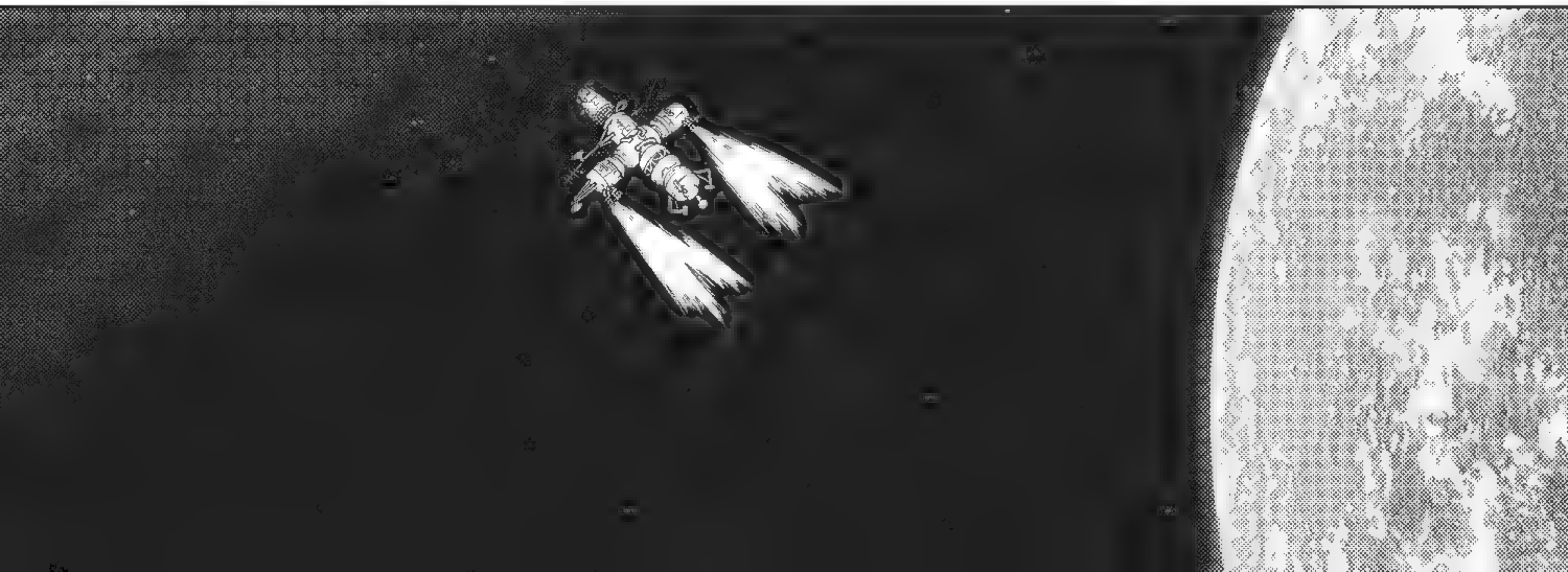
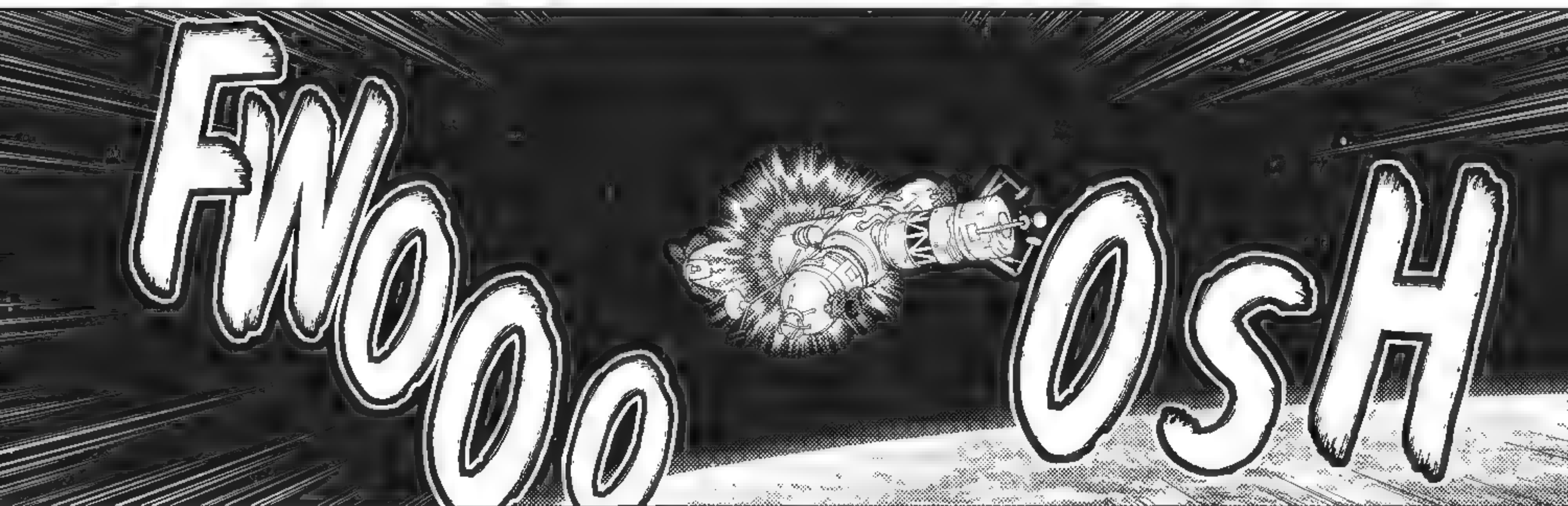
DOES  
THIS  
MEAN...

RYUSUI  
WENT  
ALONG FOR  
THE RIDE?

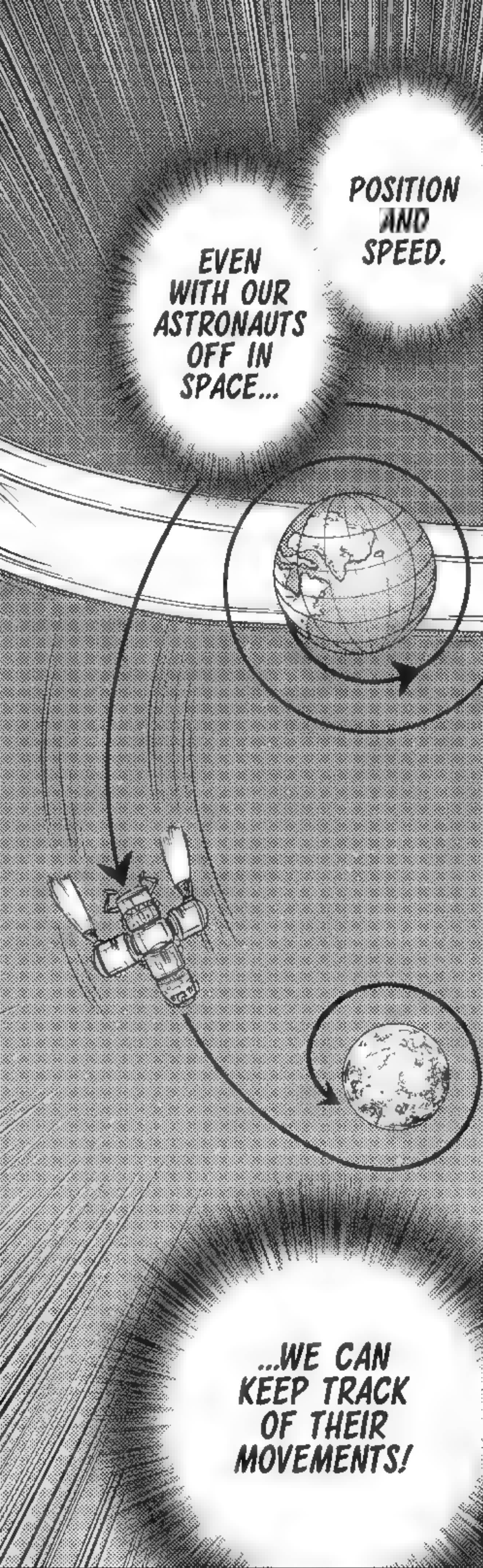
RIDING ALL  
THE WAY TO  
THE MOON?  
HYPE!



HM?



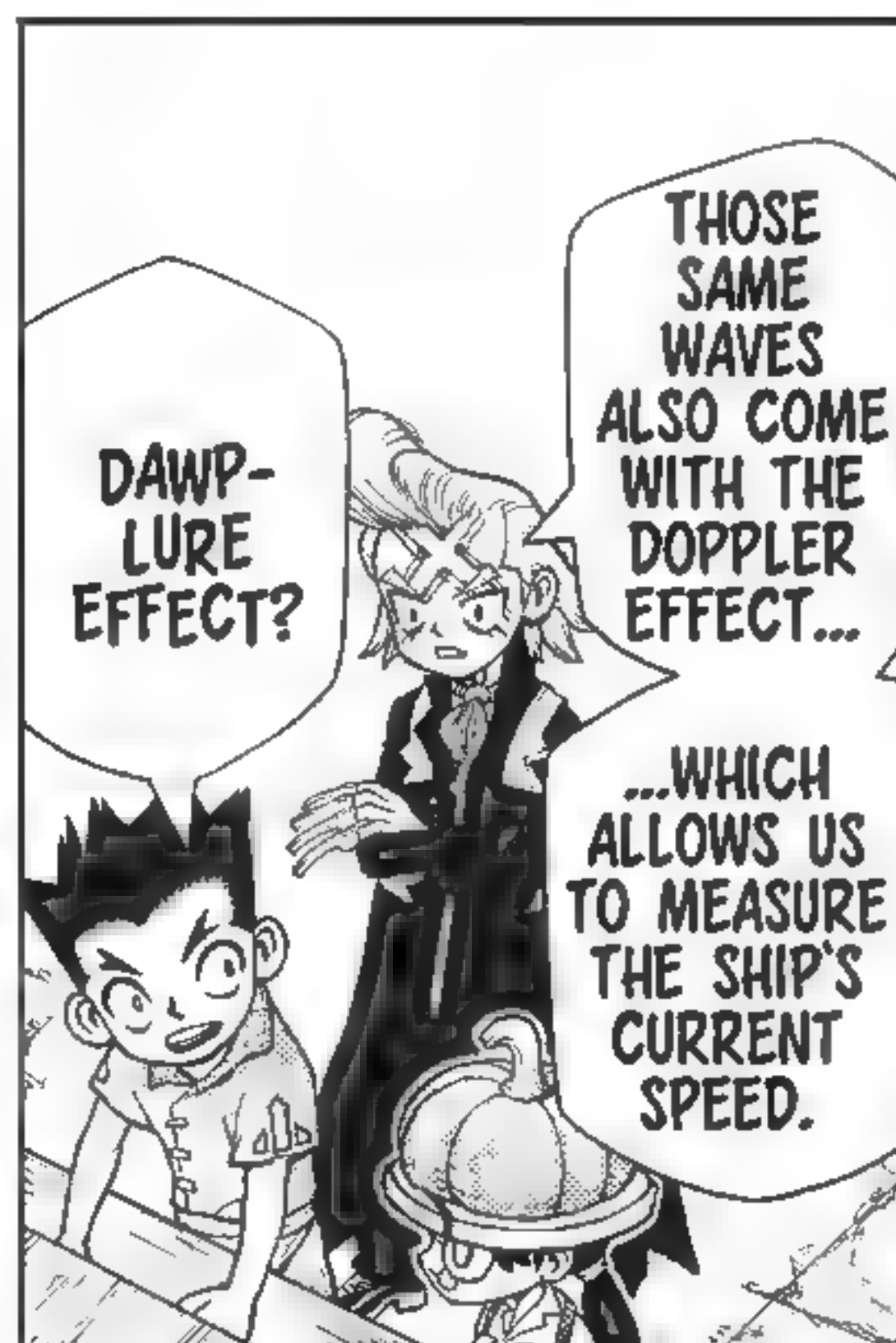




EVEN WITH OUR ASTRONAUTS OFF IN SPACE...

POSITION AND SPEED.

...WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF THEIR MOVEMENTS!



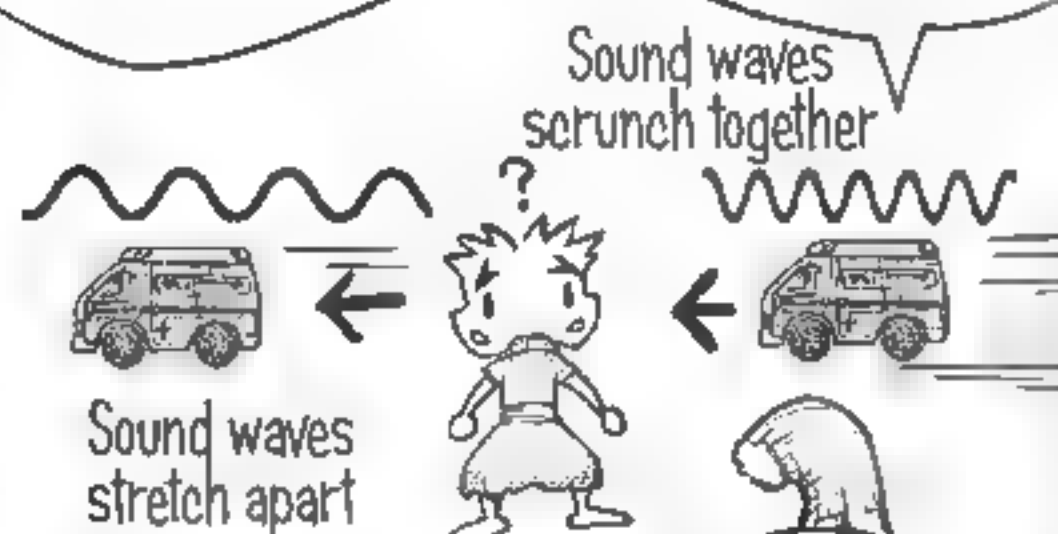
DAMP-LURE EFFECT?

THOSE SAME WAVES ALSO COME WITH THE DOPPLER EFFECT...

...WHICH ALLOWS US TO MEASURE THE SHIP'S CURRENT SPEED.

BUT WHEN IT'S MOVING AWAY, THE SOUND GETS LOWER, LIKE, "WAH-WOO WAH-WOO"?

YOU KNOW HOW AN AMBULANCE GOES "WEE-OO WEE-OO" WHEN IT'S RACING TOWARD YOU?



THAT'S THE DOPPLER EFFECT!



BY TRANSMITTING RADIO WAVES BETWEEN SHIP AND EARTH...

...THE SHIP'S CURRENT POSITION CAN BE MEASURED BASED ON TRANSMISSION TIME.



EVEN AIRPLANES ONLY FLY AT ABOUT 1,000 KM PER HOUR, RIGHT?

...ARE THE FASTEST VEHICLES CREATED BY MANKIND.

INDEED. SPACE-SHIPS...

...ARE GOING 38,000 KM PER HOUR.

RIGHT NOW, SENKU AND FRIENDS...

THIRTY-EIGHT... THOUSAND ?!

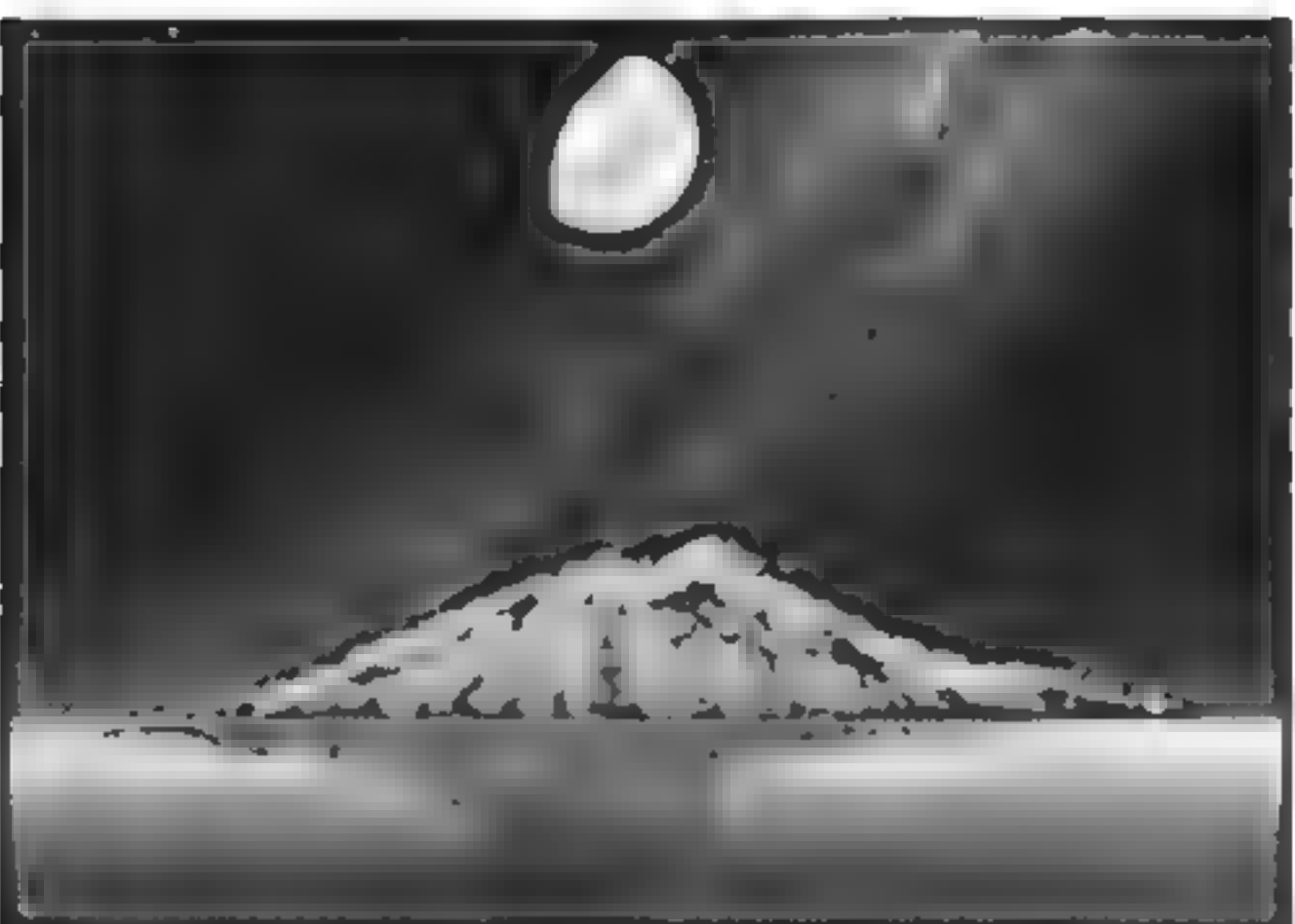


USEFUL LITTLE THINGS, AREN'T THEY?

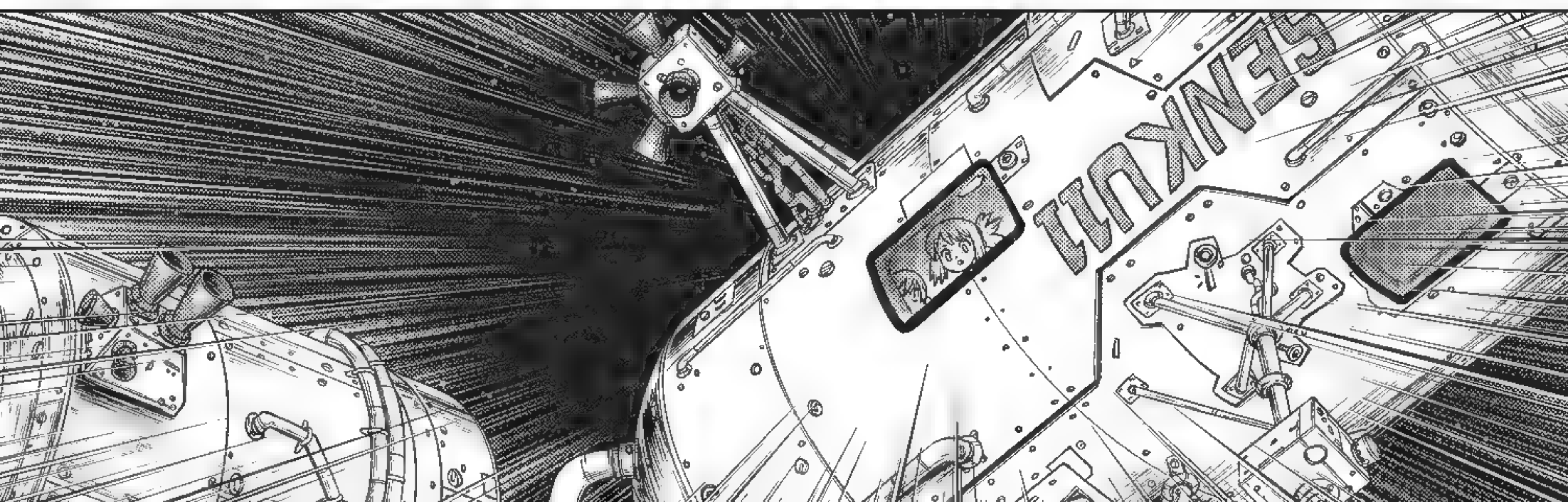
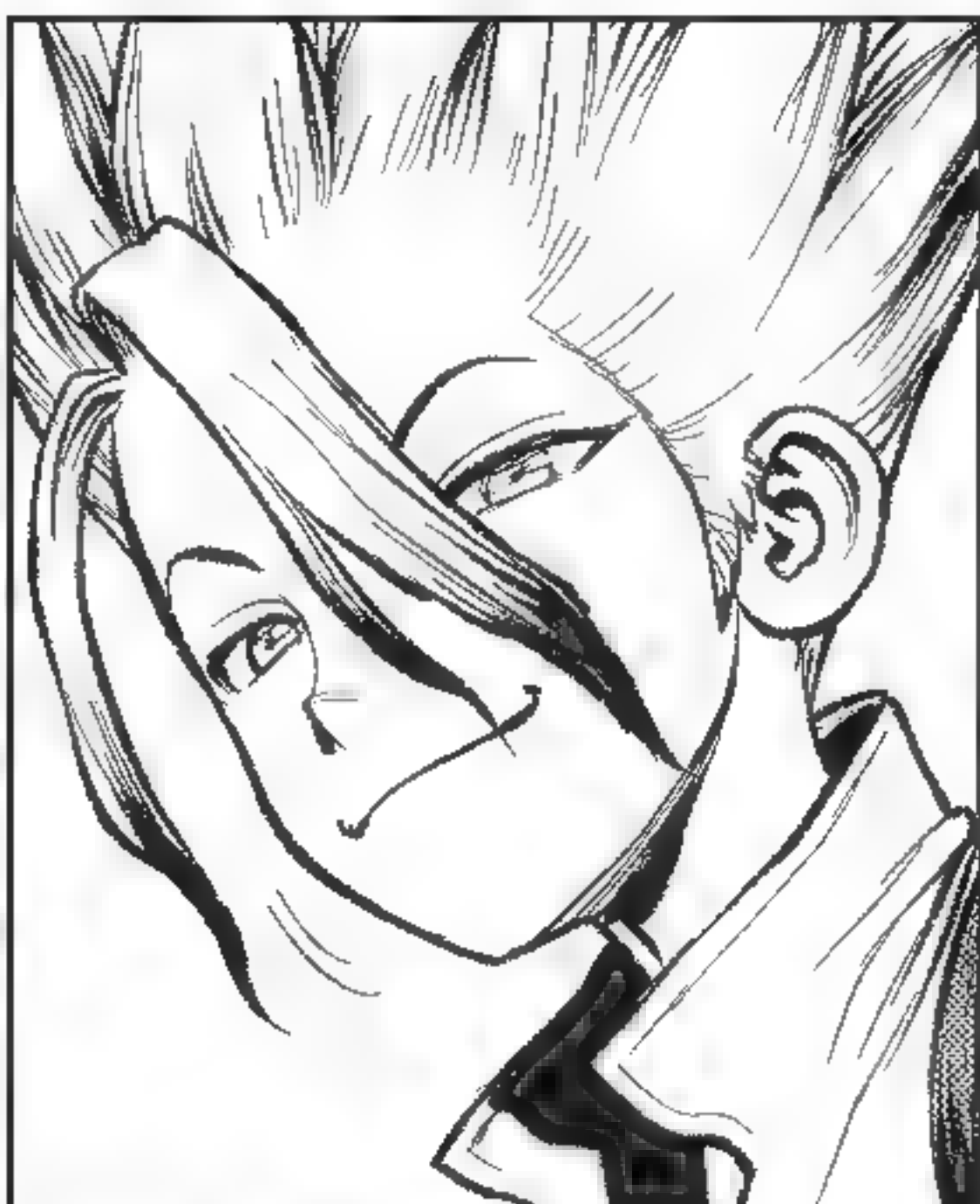
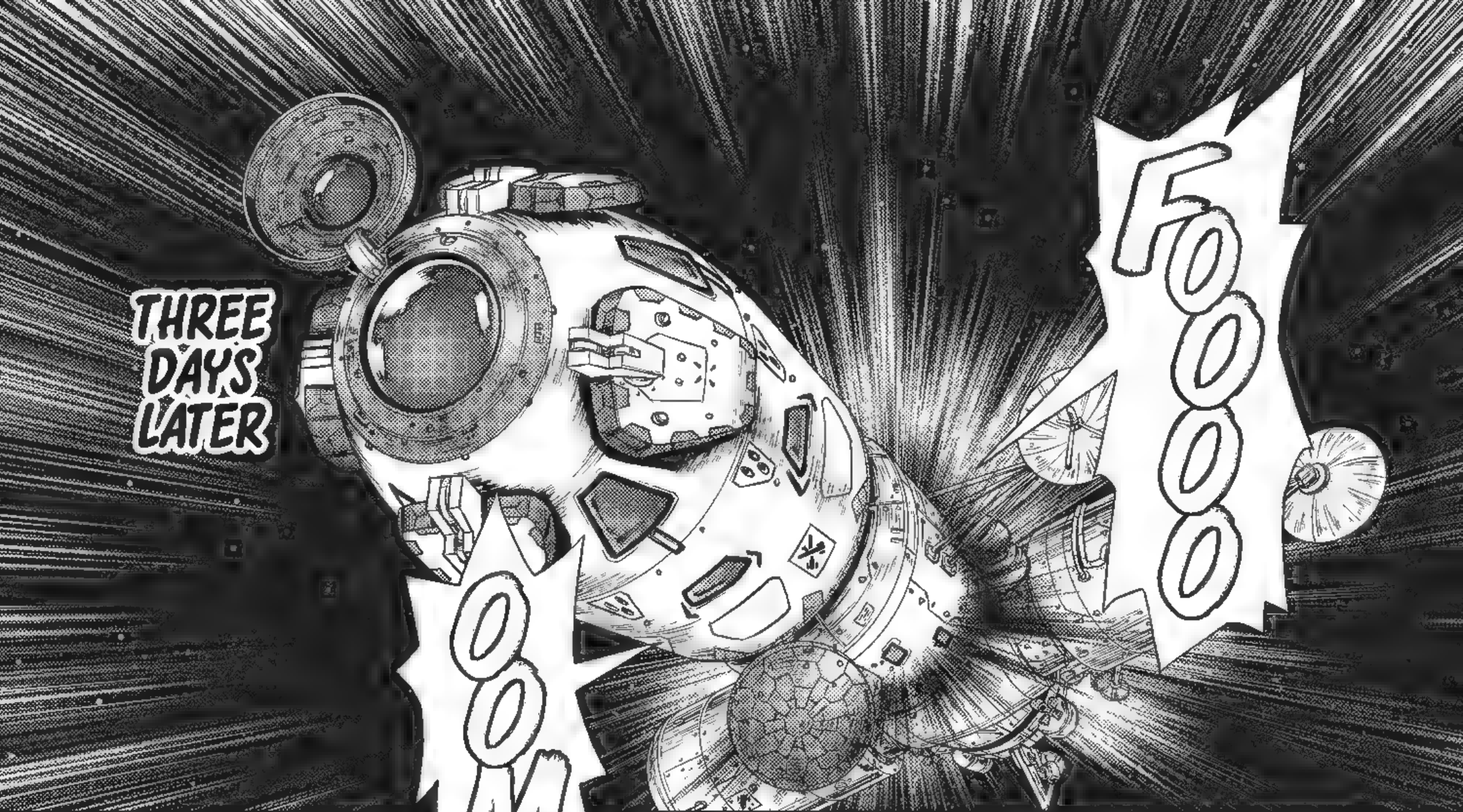
AGAIN WITH THOSE "WAVES"!

Working for us in cell phones and microwave ovens too.





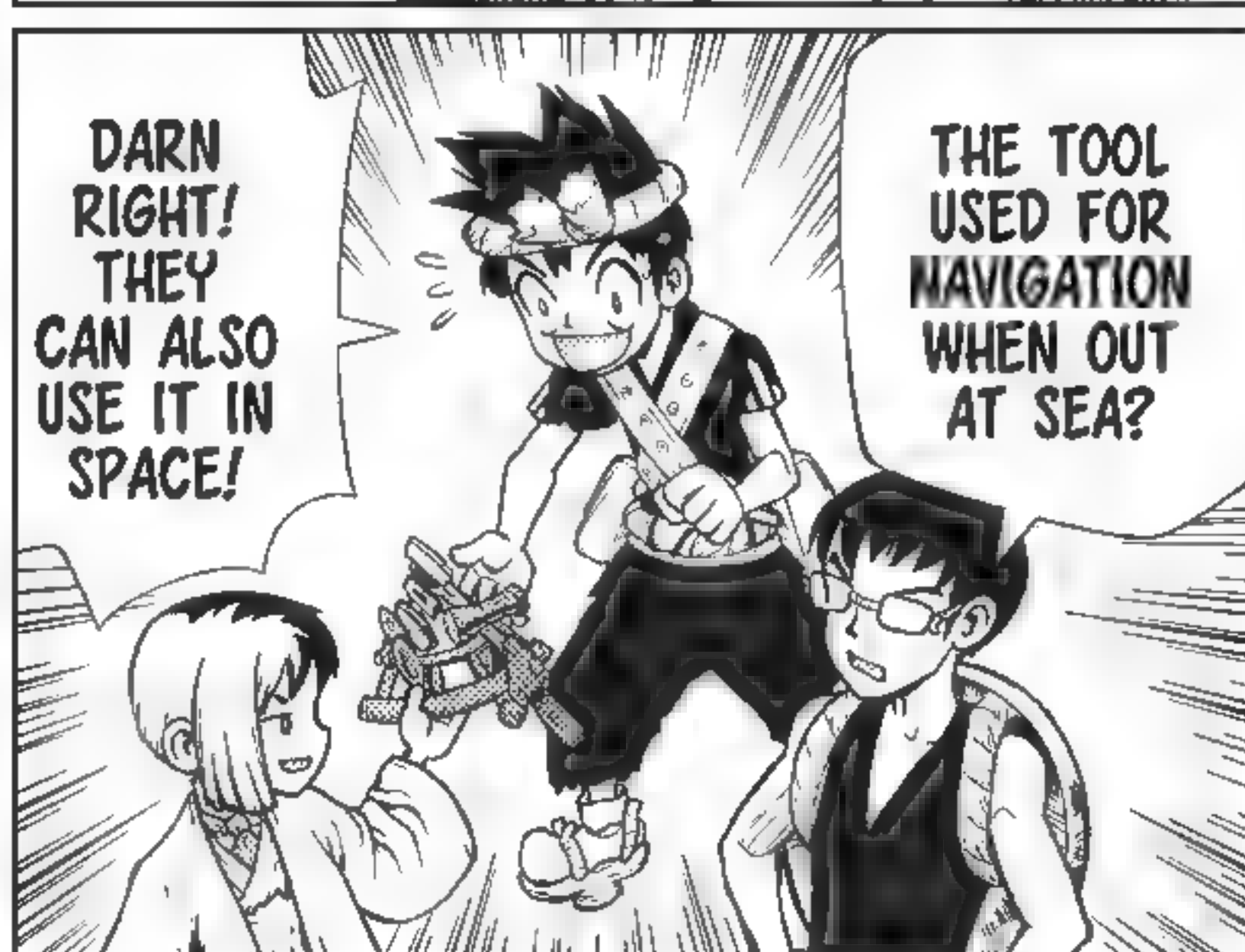




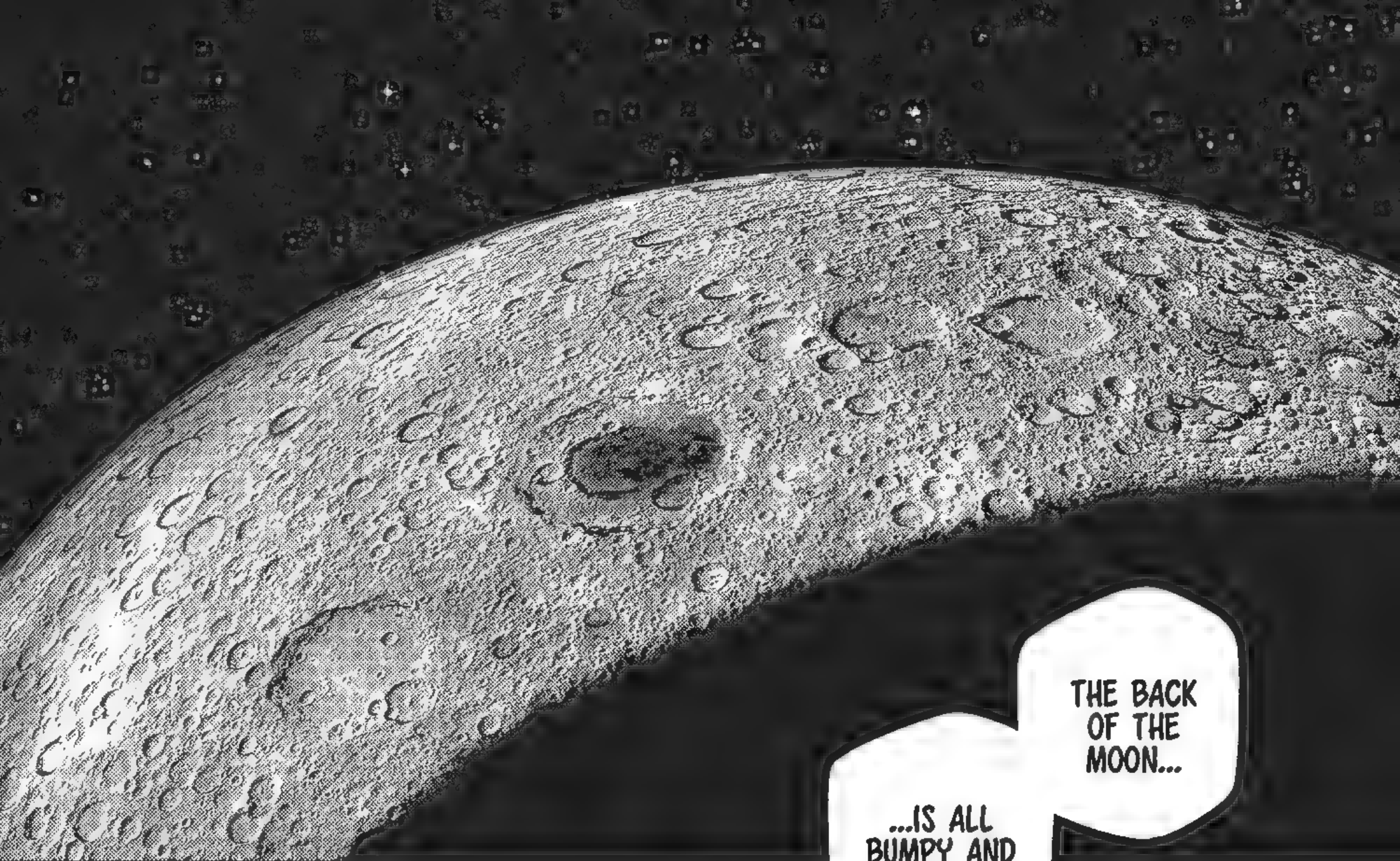






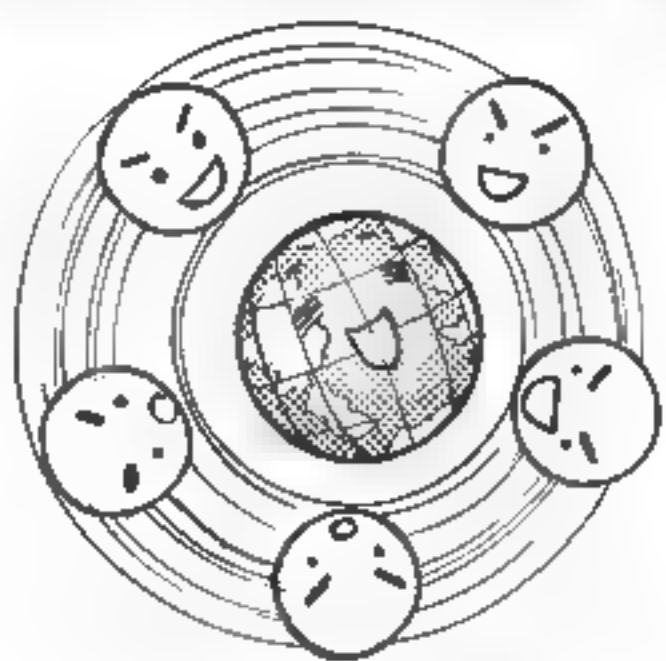






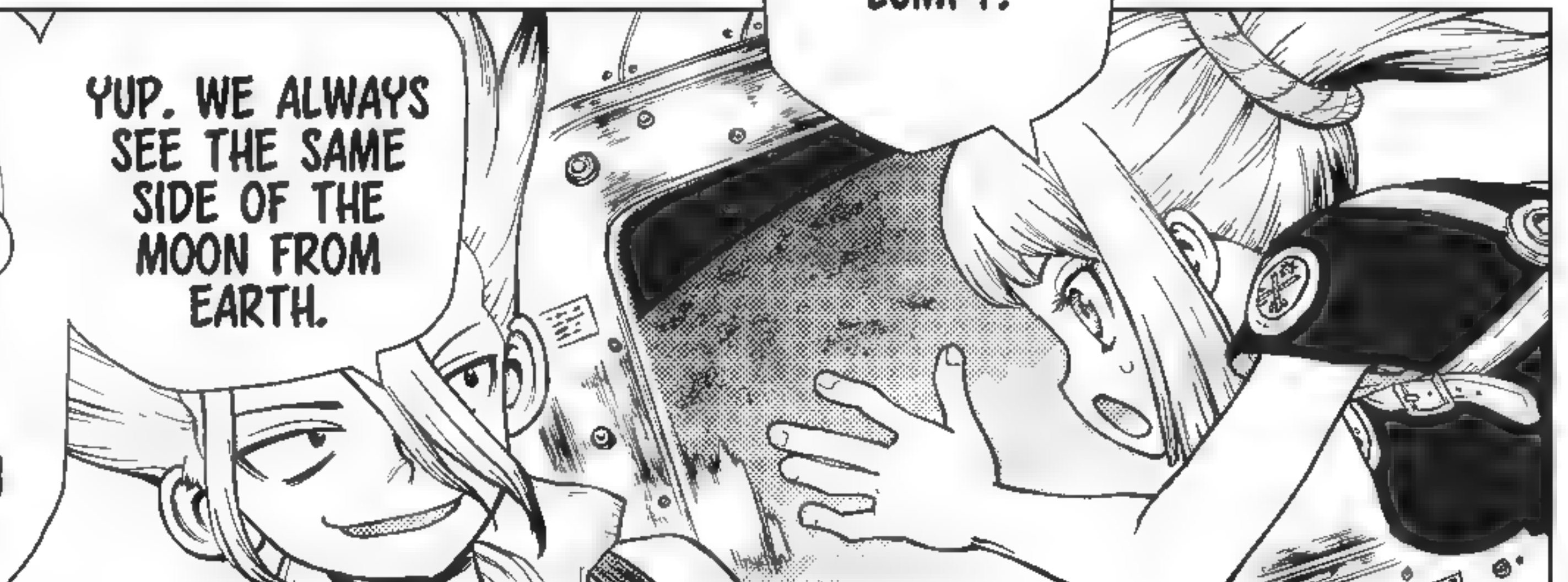
THE BACK  
OF THE  
MOON...

...IS ALL  
BUMPY AND  
LUMPY!



AND THE  
BACKSIDE'S AN  
UGLY MESS.

YUP. WE ALWAYS  
SEE THE SAME  
SIDE OF THE  
MOON FROM  
EARTH.



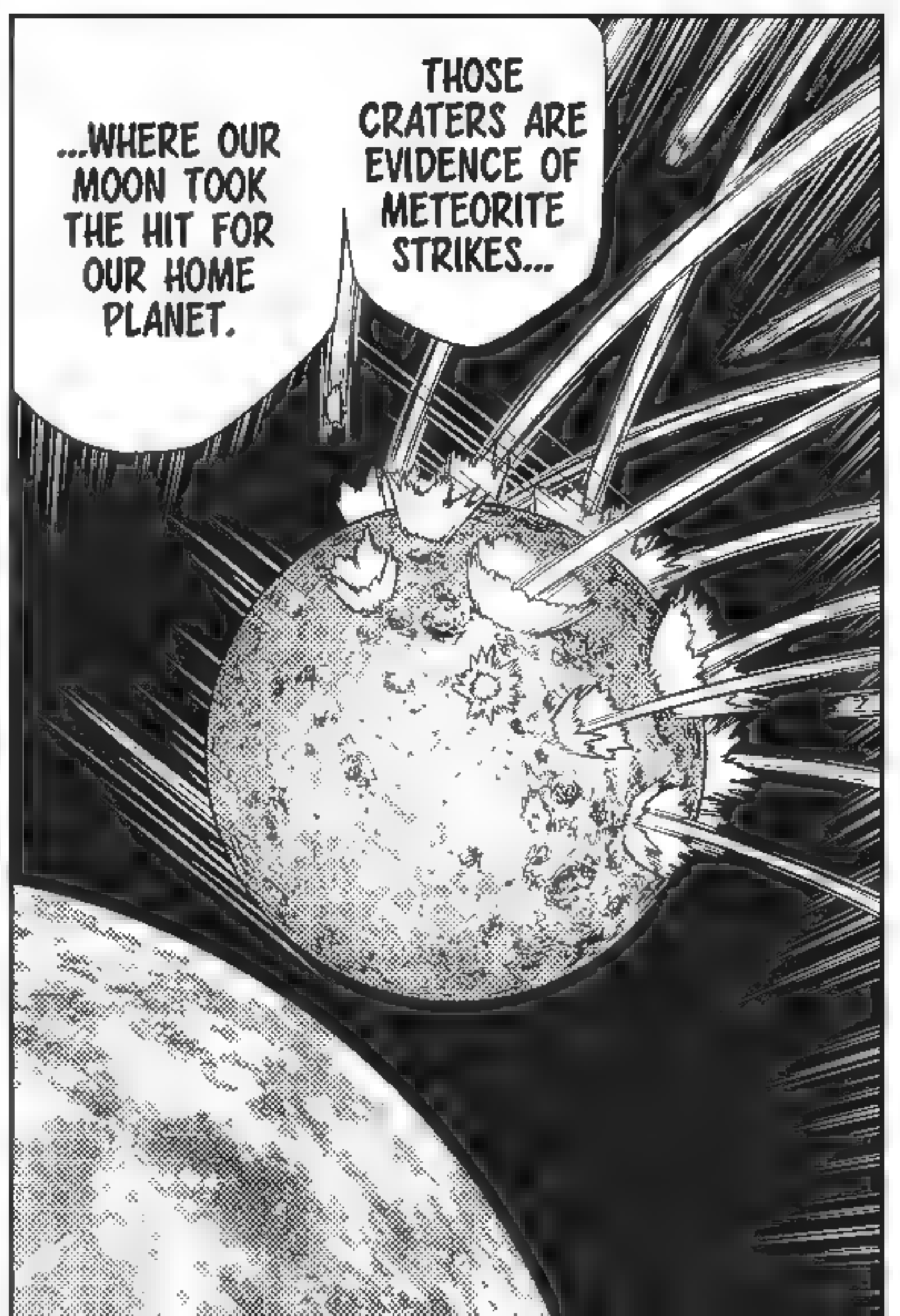
...THE  
MOON...

...HAS BEEN  
PROTECTING  
THE PEOPLE  
OF EARTH!

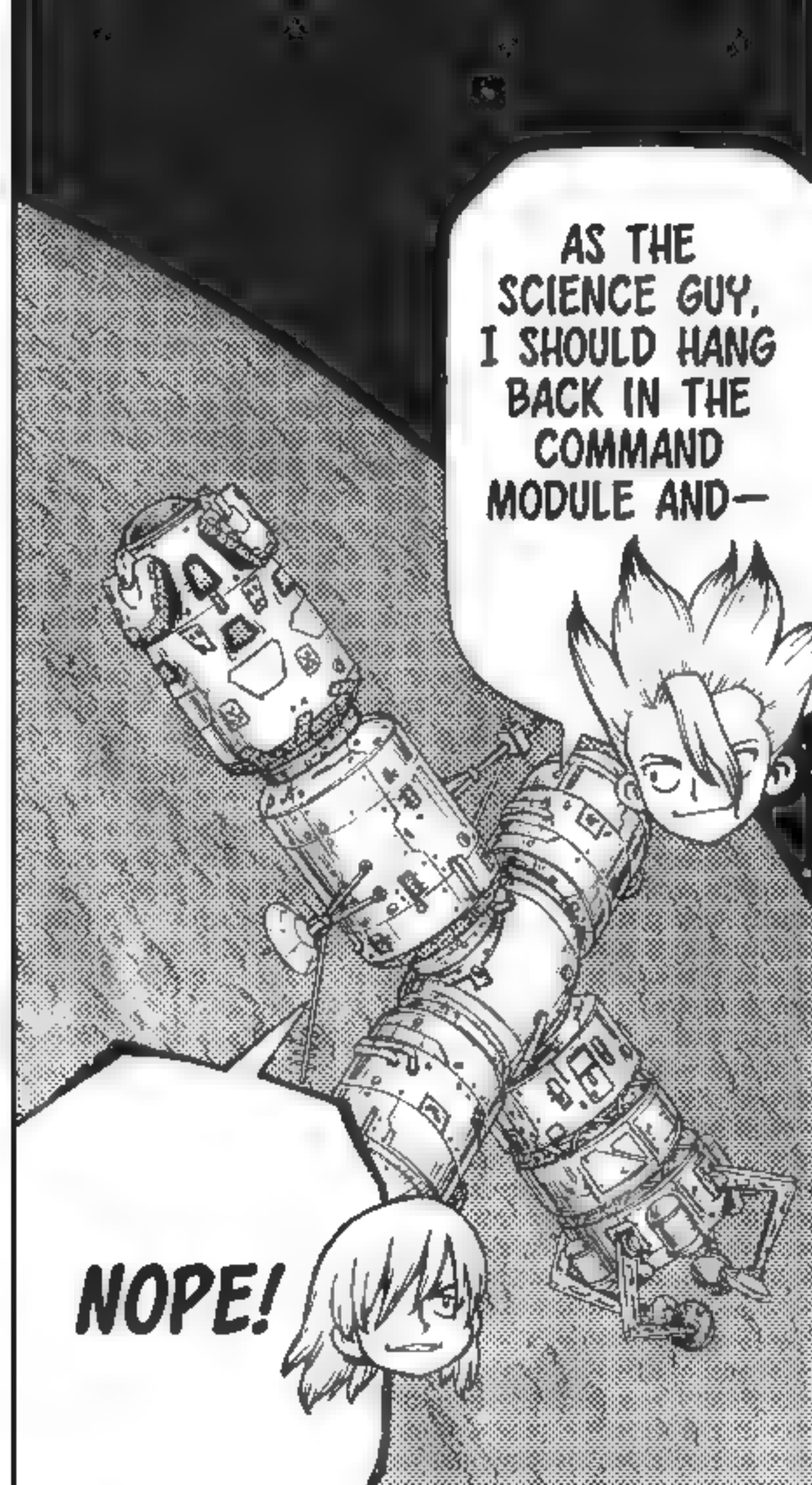
HAH! SO  
WITHOUT  
US EVEN  
KNOWING  
IT...

...WHERE OUR  
MOON TOOK  
THE HIT FOR  
OUR HOME  
PLANET.

THOSE  
CRATERS ARE  
EVIDENCE OF  
METEORITE  
STRIKES...







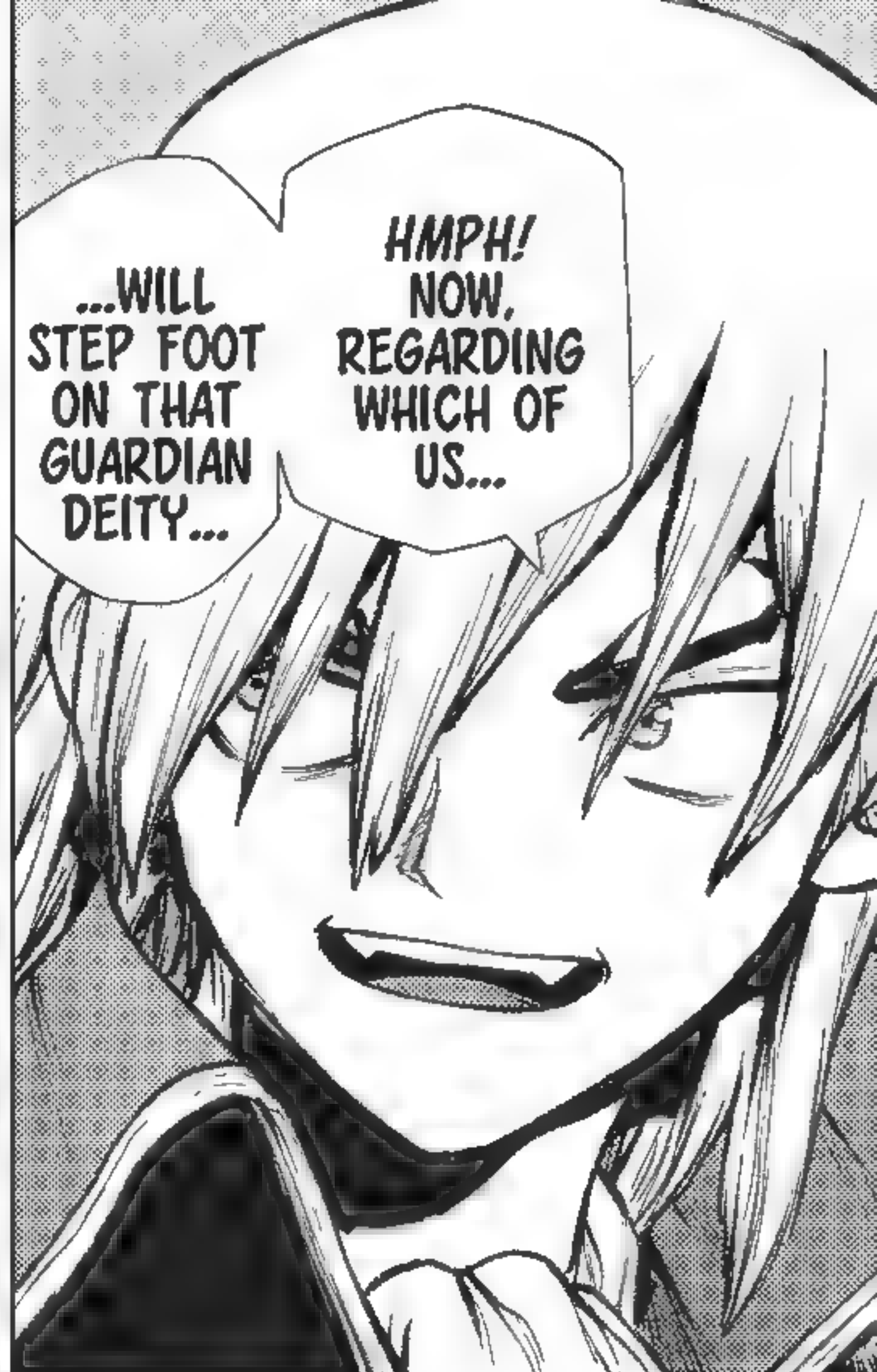
AS THE  
SCIENCE GUY,  
I SHOULD HANG  
BACK IN THE  
COMMAND  
MODULE AND—

**NOPE!**



JUST IN  
CASE THE TRIP  
GOES SIDWAYS  
AND TURNS  
INTO A ONE-  
WAY SUICIDE  
MISSION...

...THE PLAN  
WAS TO ONLY  
SEND THREE  
FOLKS IN THE  
LUNAR LANDER.



...WILL  
STEP FOOT  
ON THAT  
GUARDIAN  
DEITY...

**HMPH!**  
NOW,  
REGARDING  
WHICH OF  
US...



**THE  
COMMAND  
MODULE'S  
MINE!**

...SO YOU,  
SENKU...

YOU'RE HERE  
REPRESENTING  
THE SCIENTISTS  
OF OUR NEW  
STONE WORLD...

...WILL  
WALK  
ON THE  
MOON!







SURE, I'D LOVE  
TO PLAY EVERY  
ROLE, BUT IF I  
GOTTA CHOOSE, I'M  
TAKING THE MORE  
EXCLUSIVE TROPHY!  
AM I WRONG?!

THREE  
WILL WALK  
ON THE  
MOON!

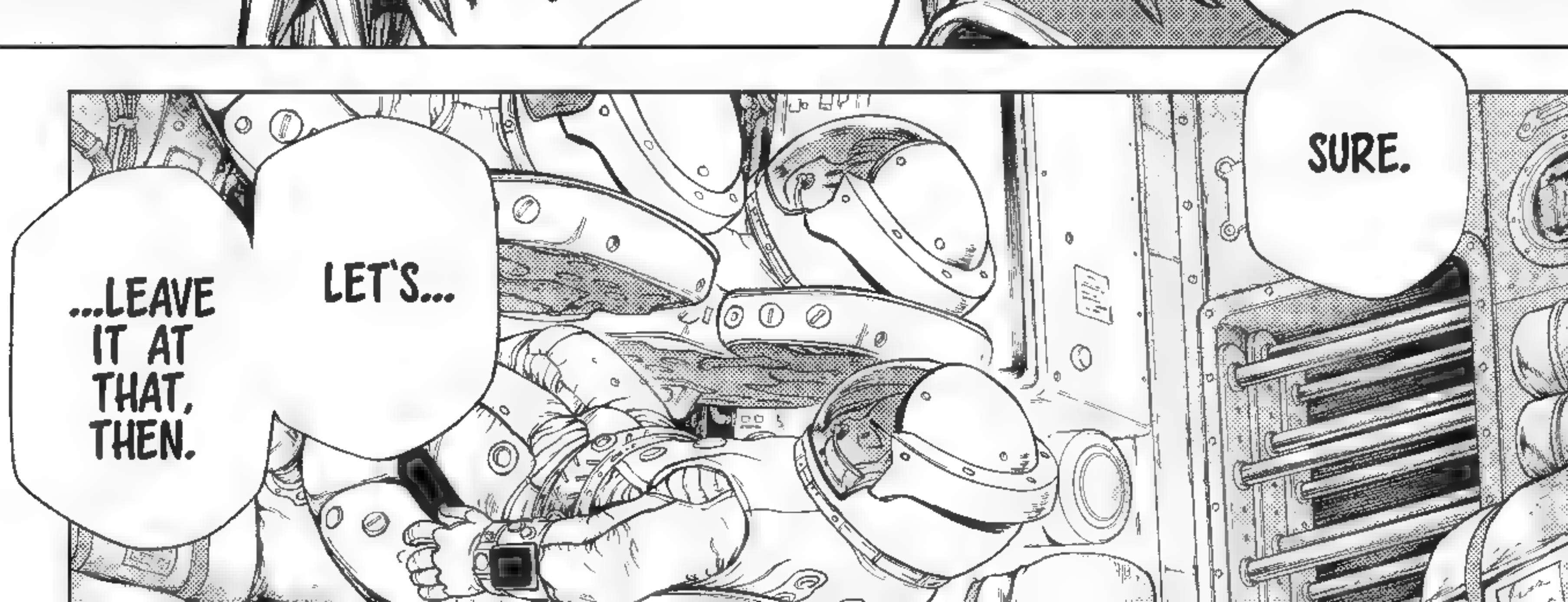
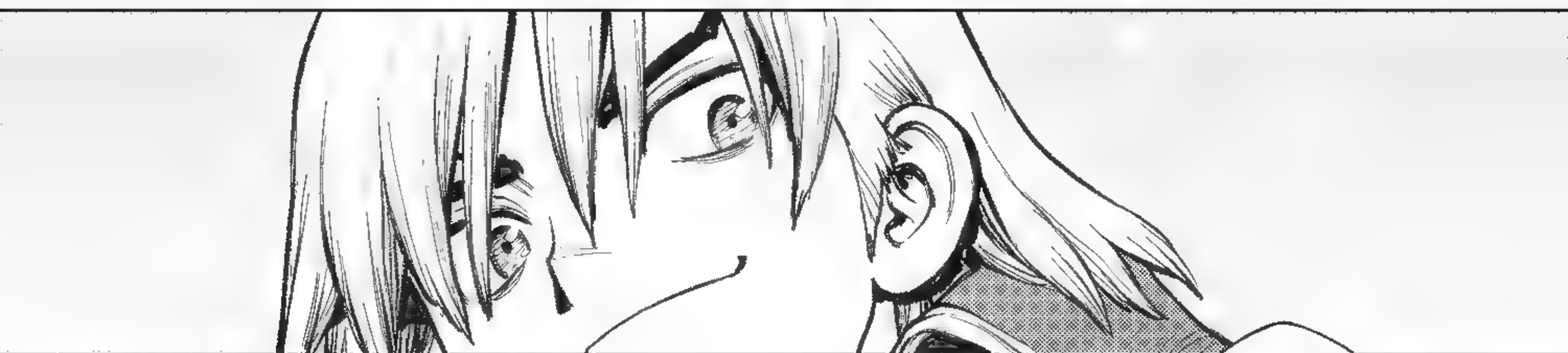
WHILE ONLY  
ONE STEERS  
THE SHIP!



DON'T  
YOU DESIRE  
THE HONOR  
OF STEPPING  
FOOT ON THE  
MOON?

HAH!  
REALLY,  
RYUSUI?

HA HA! I'M  
A CAPTAIN,  
FIRST AND  
FOREMOST!

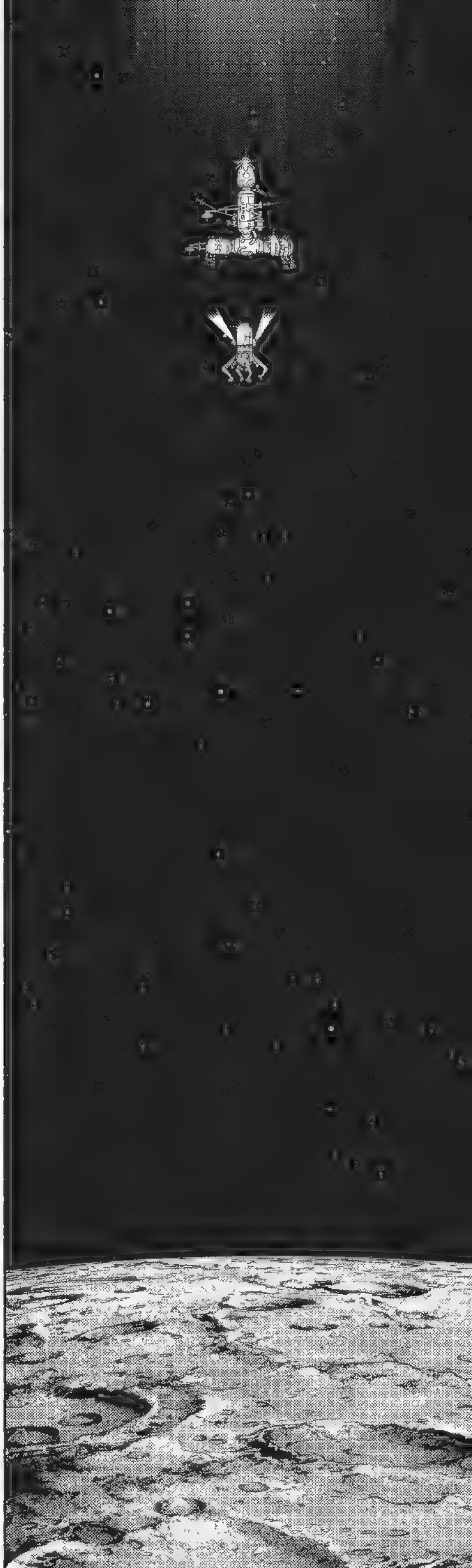


SURE.

...LEAVE  
IT AT  
THAT,  
THEN.

LET'S...





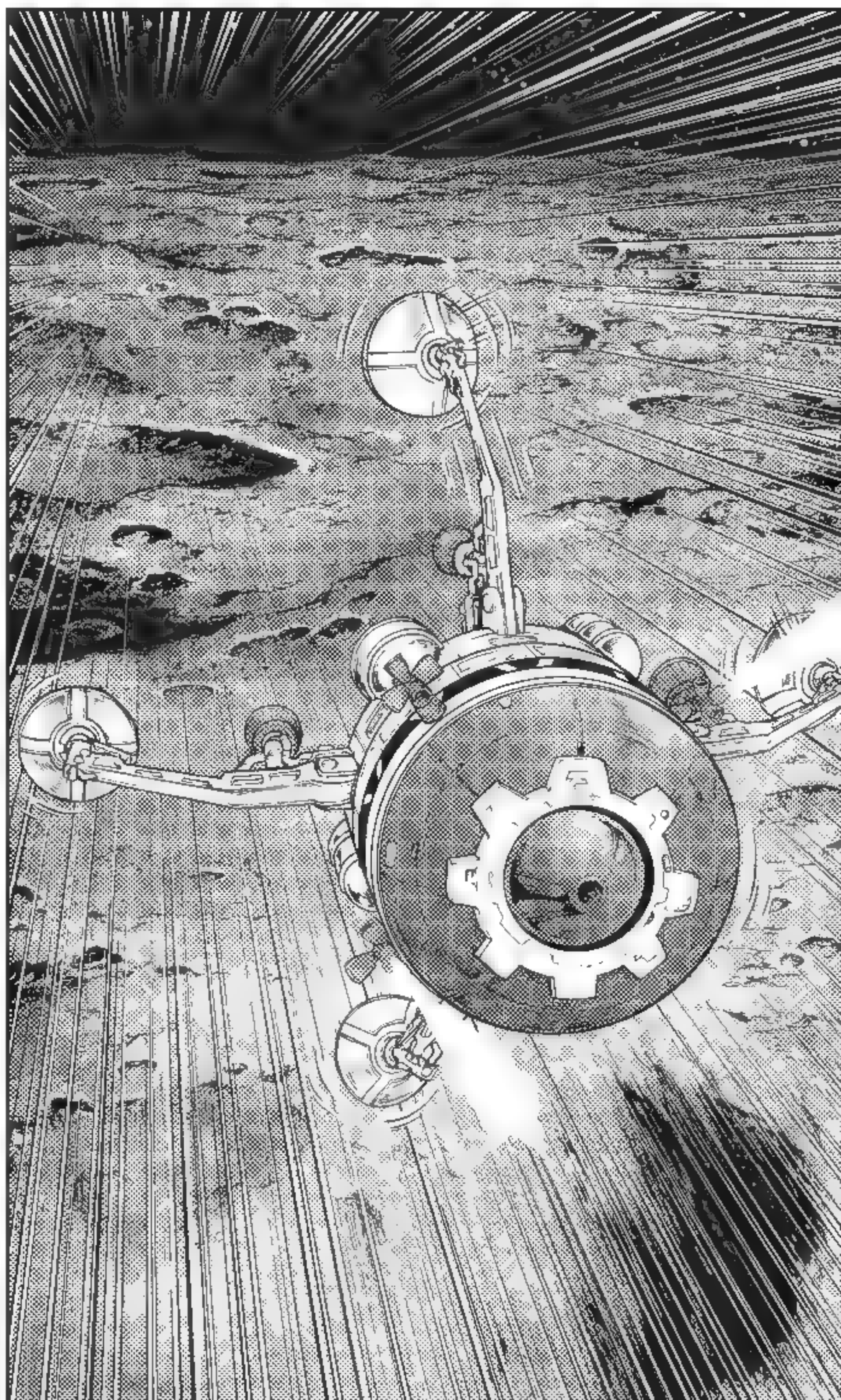




HAVE WE  
THOUGHT  
OF...

THE WHOLE  
WORLD IS  
WATCHING  
AND  
LISTENING.

...SOME  
APT FIRST  
WORDS FOR  
THIS MOON  
LANDING?



SOMEHOW,  
I GOT ONE  
OF THEM  
FLASHES OF  
INSPIRA-  
TION!

AH!

HERE'S THE  
PERFECT  
LINE FOR  
THEM TO  
SAY!







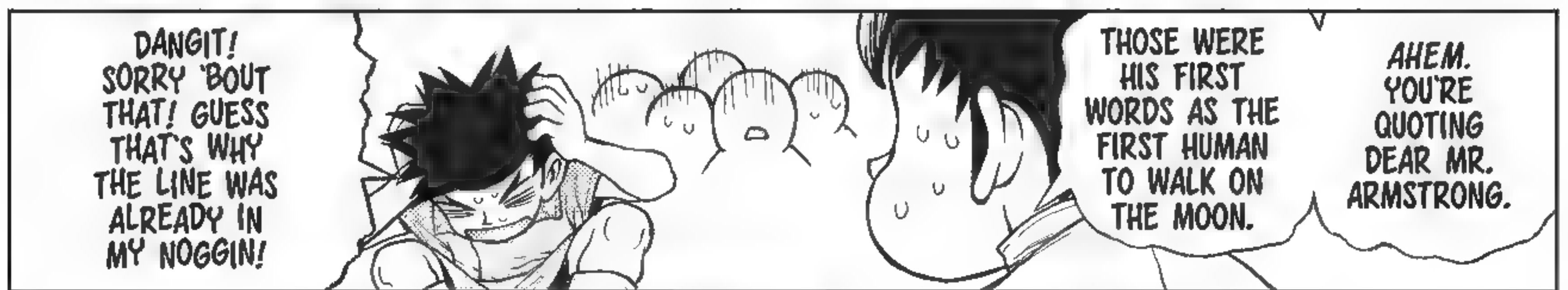
BAAAD!  
HOW'D  
YOU COME  
UP WITH  
SOMETHING  
COOL LIKE  
THAT?!

BA

BAM

"THAT'S  
ONE  
SMALL  
STEP FOR  
MAN..."

"...ONE  
GIANT  
LEAP FOR  
MANKIND."



DANGIT!  
SORRY 'BOUT  
THAT! GUESS  
THAT'S WHY  
THE LINE WAS  
ALREADY IN  
MY NOGGIN!

THOSE WERE  
HIS FIRST  
WORDS AS THE  
FIRST HUMAN  
TO WALK ON  
THE MOON.

AHEM.  
YOU'RE  
QUOTING  
DEAR MR.  
ARMSTRONG.



IS THIS  
TURNING INTO  
SOME KIND  
OF IMPROV?

"ACHIEVEMENT  
UNLOCKED:  
FIRST MOON  
LANDING!"

"NOW  
RECRUITING  
GIRLFRIENDS:  
CUTIES  
WELCOME."

"THE  
MOON'S  
BAAAAD!!"

THOSE  
FIRST WORDS  
OUGHTA BE  
NICE AND  
SIMPLE!



OF  
COURSE  
YOU  
HAVEN'T!

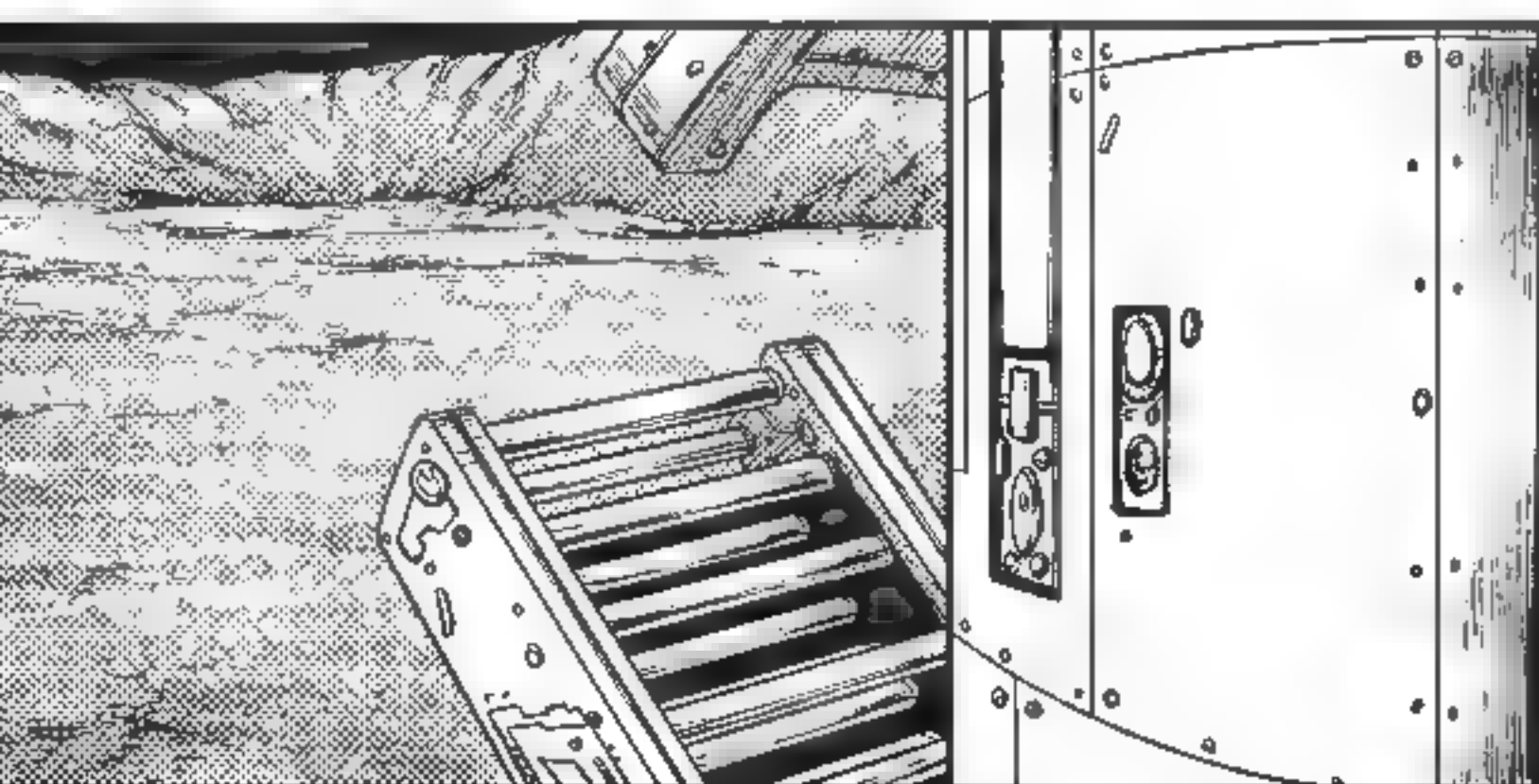
HUH? NEVER  
PUT MUCH  
THOUGHT  
INTO IT.

I SUPPOSE  
IT'S UP TO OUR  
ASTRONAUTS  
TO DECIDE,  
RIGHT?

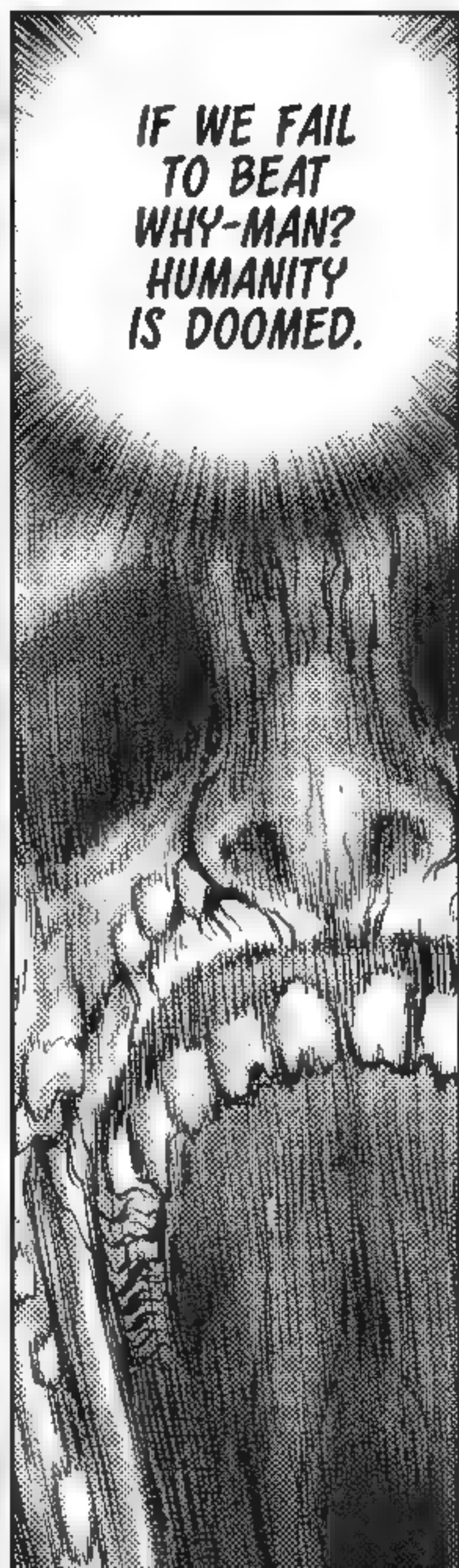




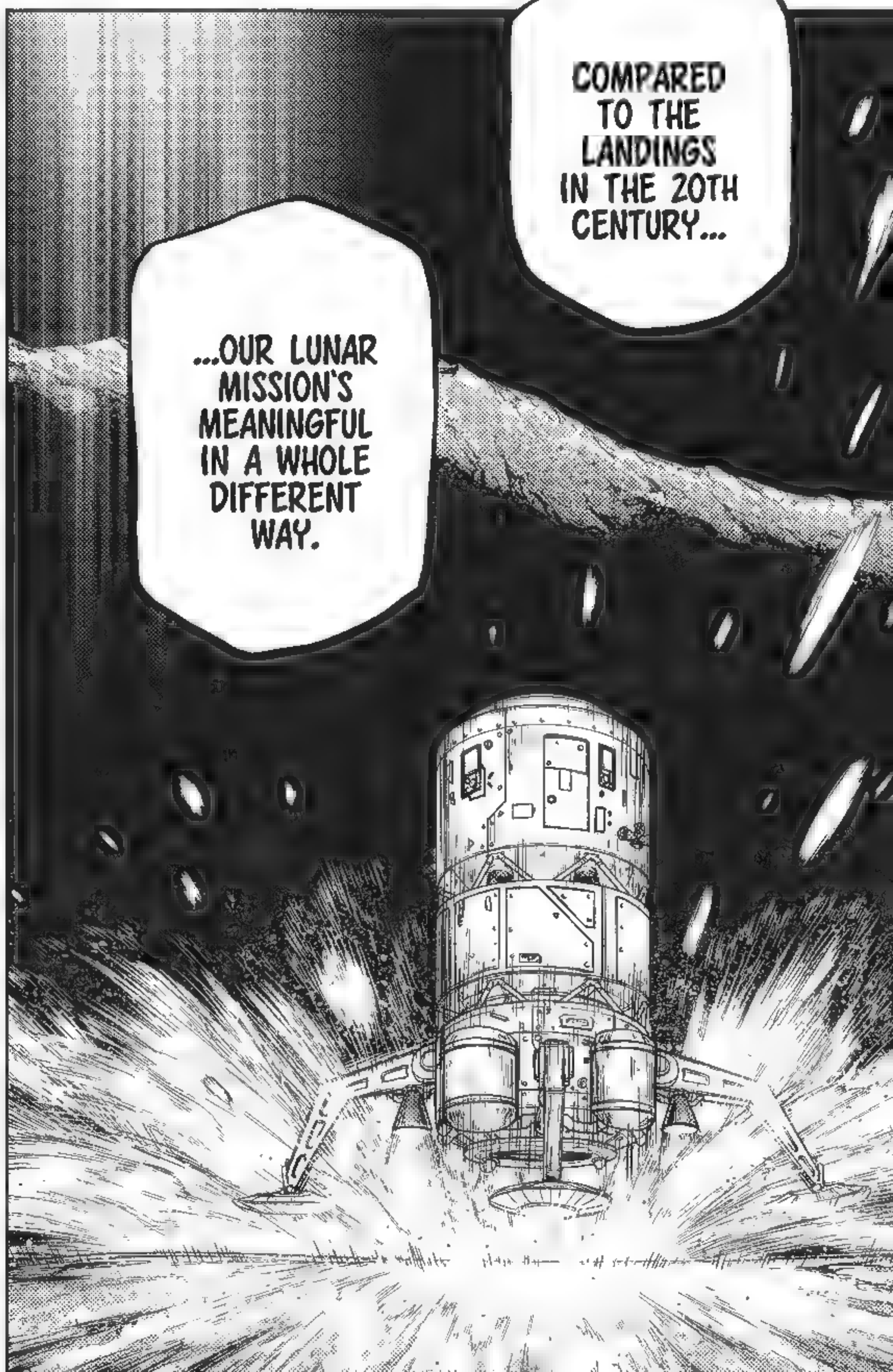
THAT  
SAID...



SHOULD WE  
TRIUMPH OVER  
WHY-MAN, THE  
SECRETS OF  
PETRIFICATION  
ARE OURS.



IF WE FAIL  
TO BEAT  
WHY-MAN?  
HUMANITY  
IS DOOMED.



COMPARED  
TO THE  
LANDINGS  
IN THE 20TH  
CENTURY...

...OUR LUNAR  
MISSION'S  
MEANINGFUL  
IN A WHOLE  
DIFFERENT  
WAY.



**STOP**

SENKU11

**GET  
EXCITED!**



WITH  
ALL OF  
HUMANITY  
ON THE  
LINE...

...INTO THE  
BATTLE FOR  
FUTURE  
SCIENCE,  
SO...

...WE'RE  
TAKING THIS  
FIRST GIANT  
STEP...



**Z=227: You Are**

**LAST ONE**



SCIENTISTS  
REALLY  
SEEM TO  
MAKE IT UP  
AS THEY  
GO.

SENKU  
INCLUDED...

**FOR  
REAL?!**

ACTUALLY,  
ARMSTRONG  
DIDN'T COME  
UP WITH  
HIS "ONE  
SMALL STEP  
FOR MAN..."  
QUOTE...

...UNTIL  
AFTER HE'D  
ARRIVED ON  
THE MOON'S  
SURFACE.





...THE  
SURFACE  
OF THE  
MOON!

...UNTIL WE  
FINALLY  
REACHED...

...WE  
CLAWED  
OUR WAY  
UP, ONE  
STEP AT A  
TIME...

STARTING  
OVER  
IN A  
PRIMEVAL  
WORLD...



OUR  
MEDUSA  
CAPSULE!



YES.

AS  
WELL  
AS...



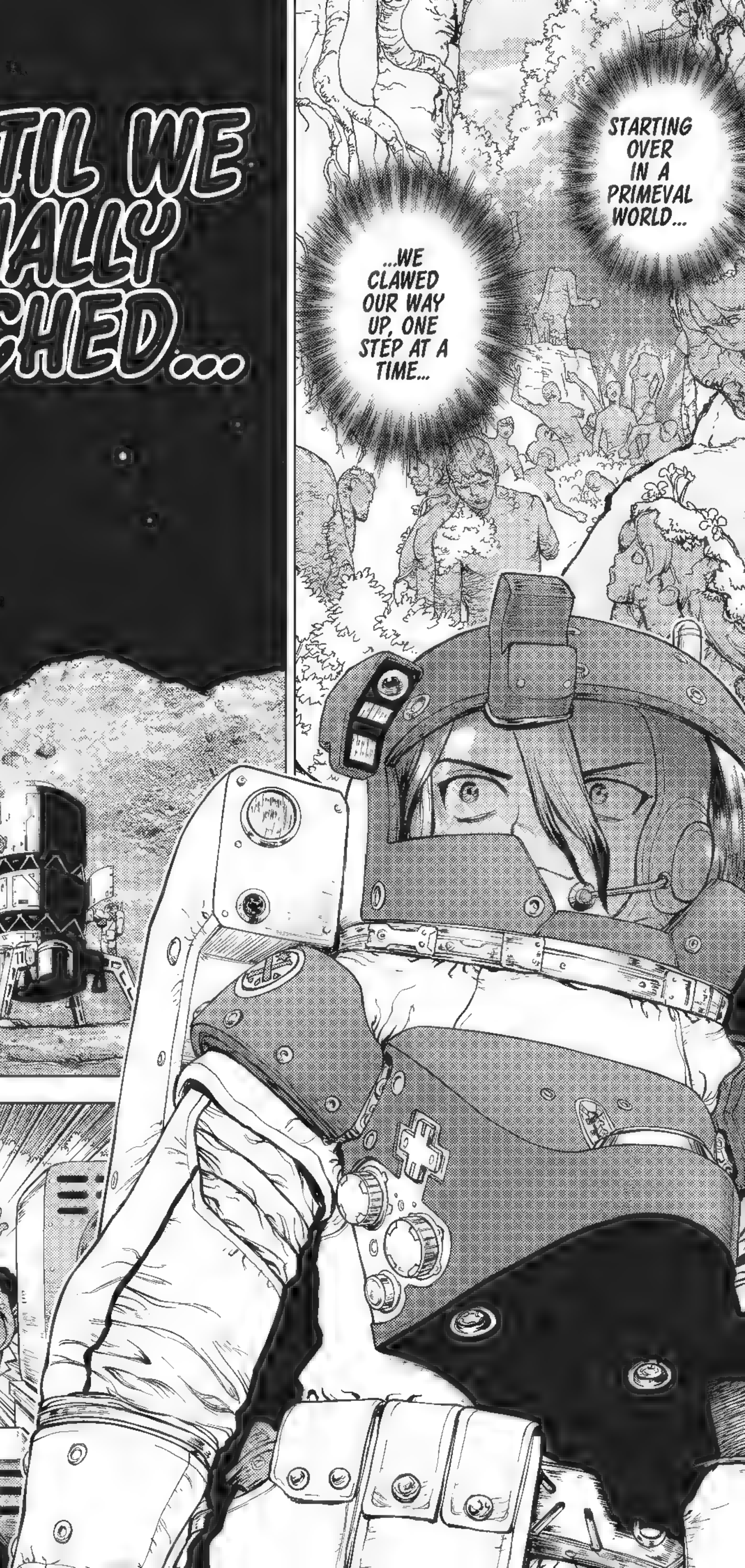
THE  
GRENADE-  
NET  
LAUNCHER!



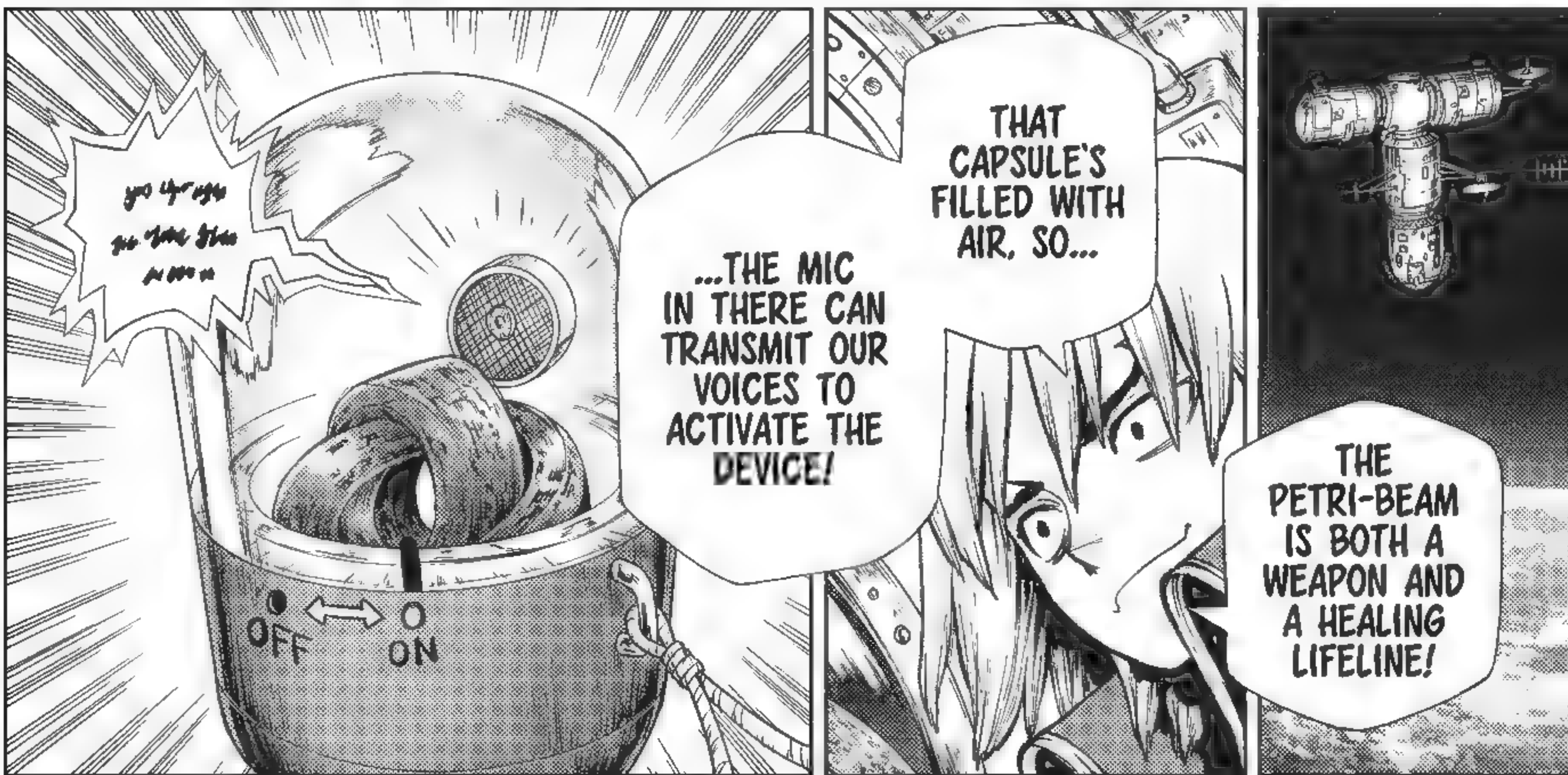
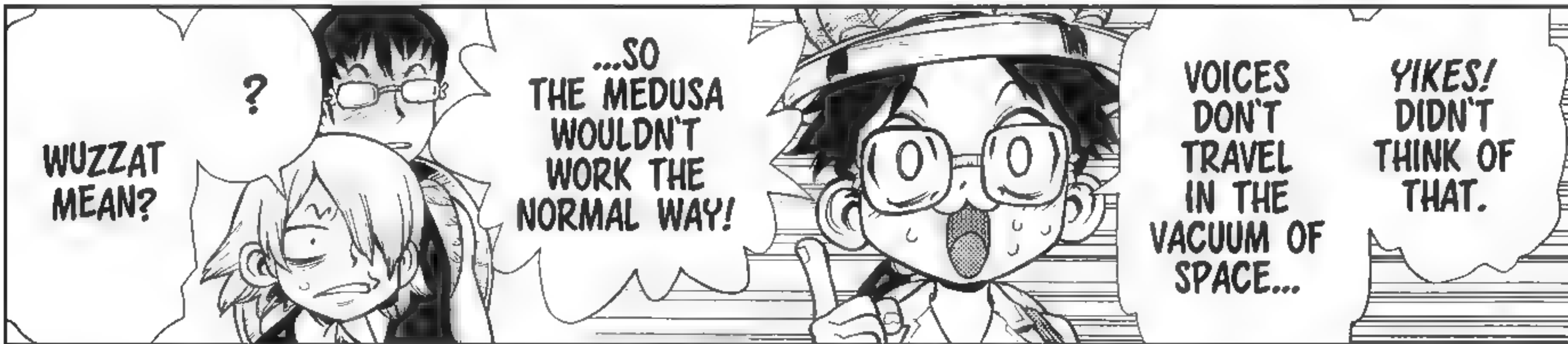
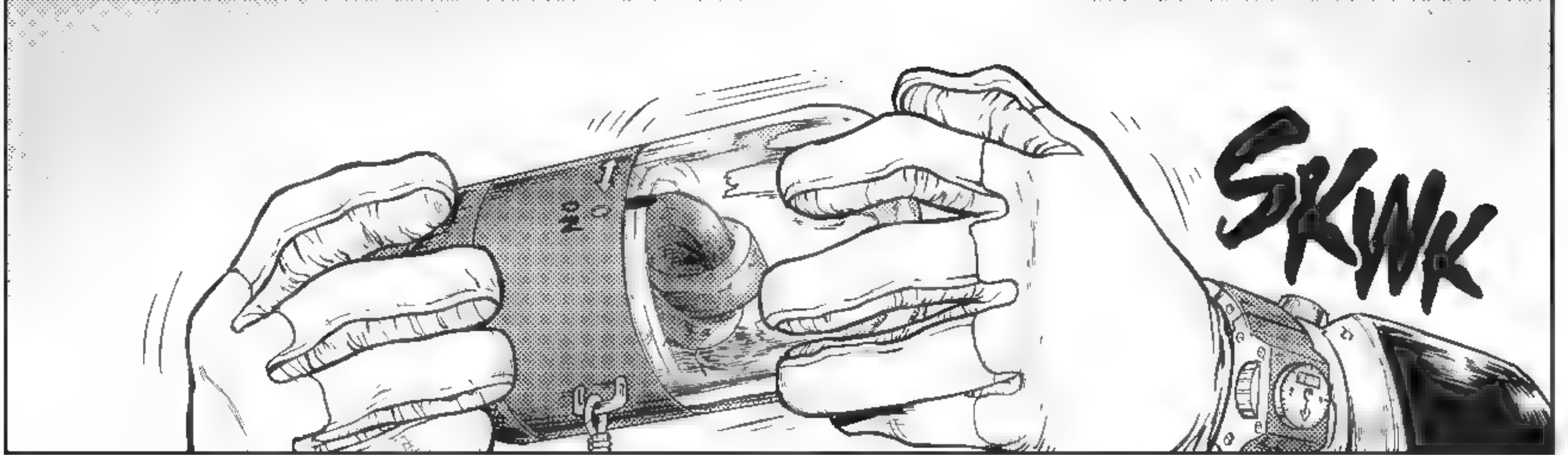
LIKE  
THAT NET-  
SHOOTING  
DOOHICKEY  
FOR BLOWING  
STUFF UP!

AT LAST,  
WE FACE OFF  
AGAINST THE  
UNKNOWN  
WHY-MAN...

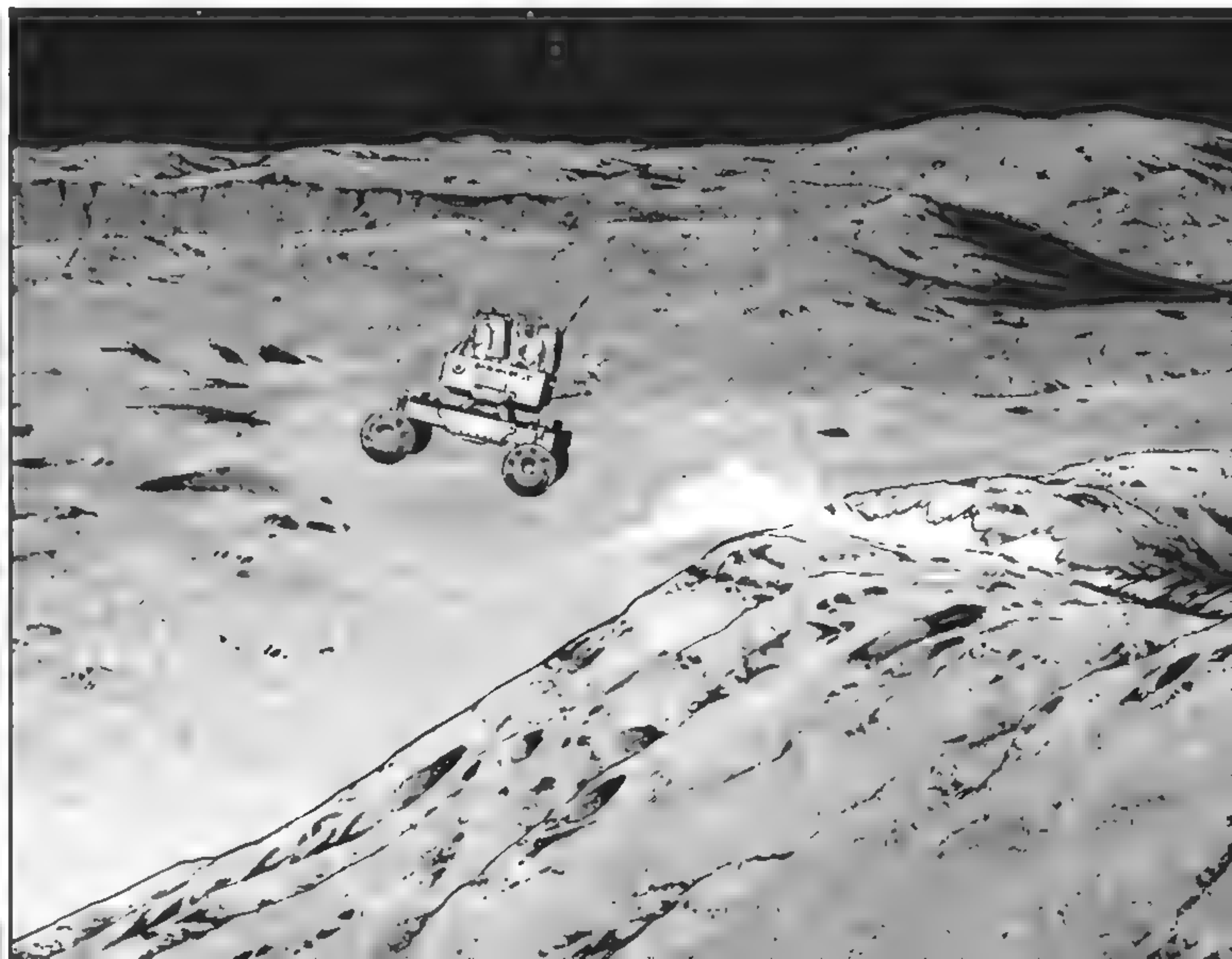
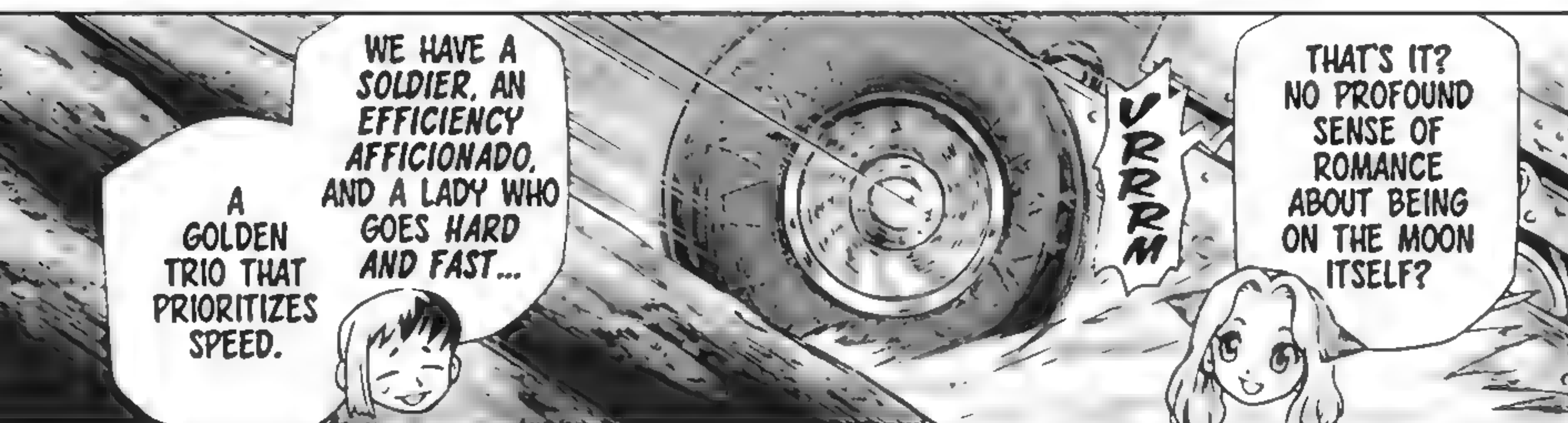
...BUT  
WITH ONLY  
A FEW  
WEAPONS  
ON OUR  
SIDE.



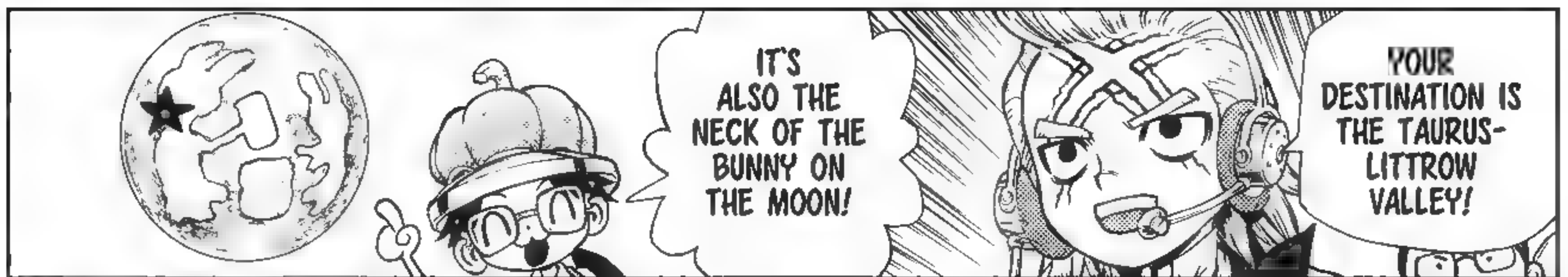
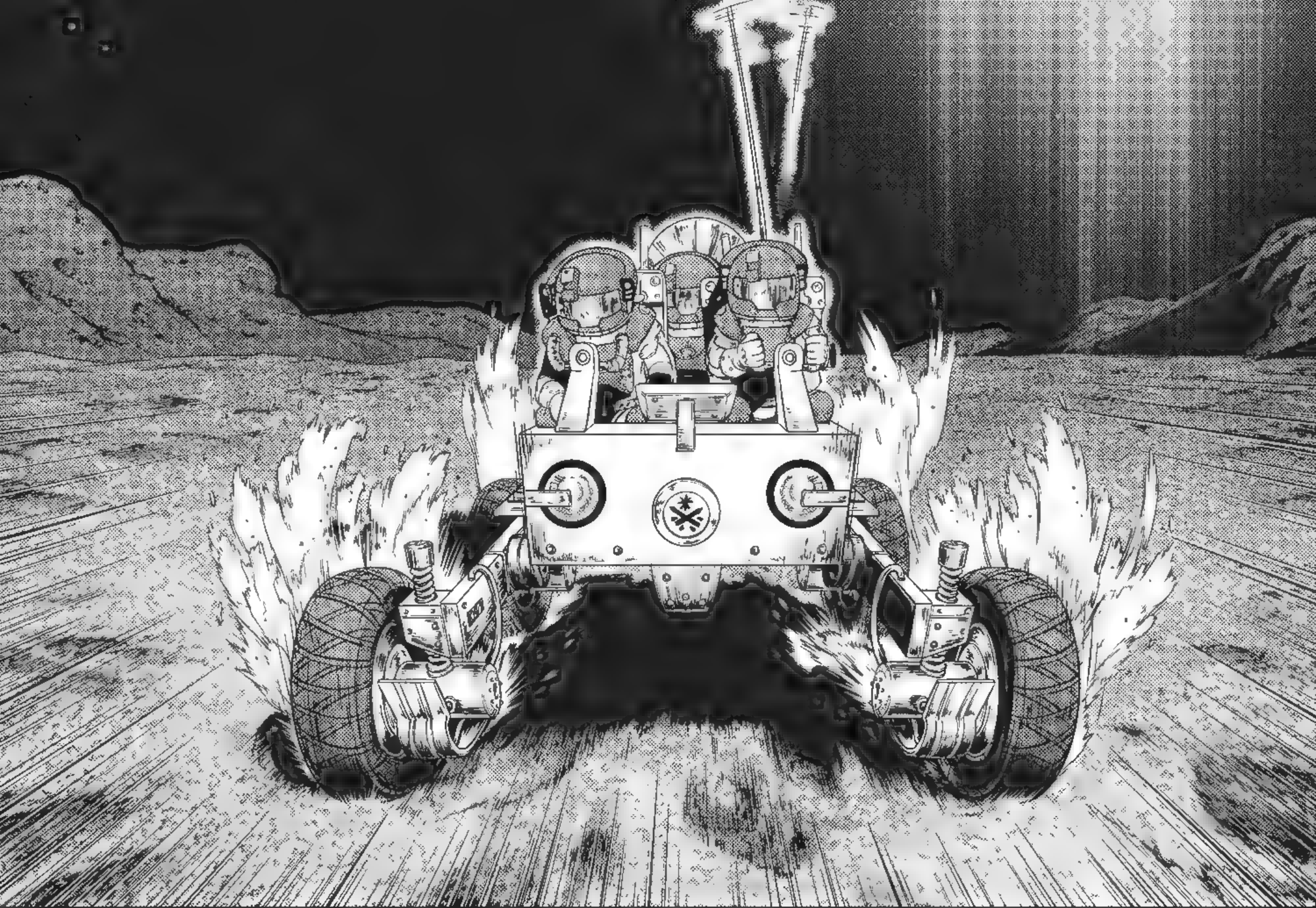












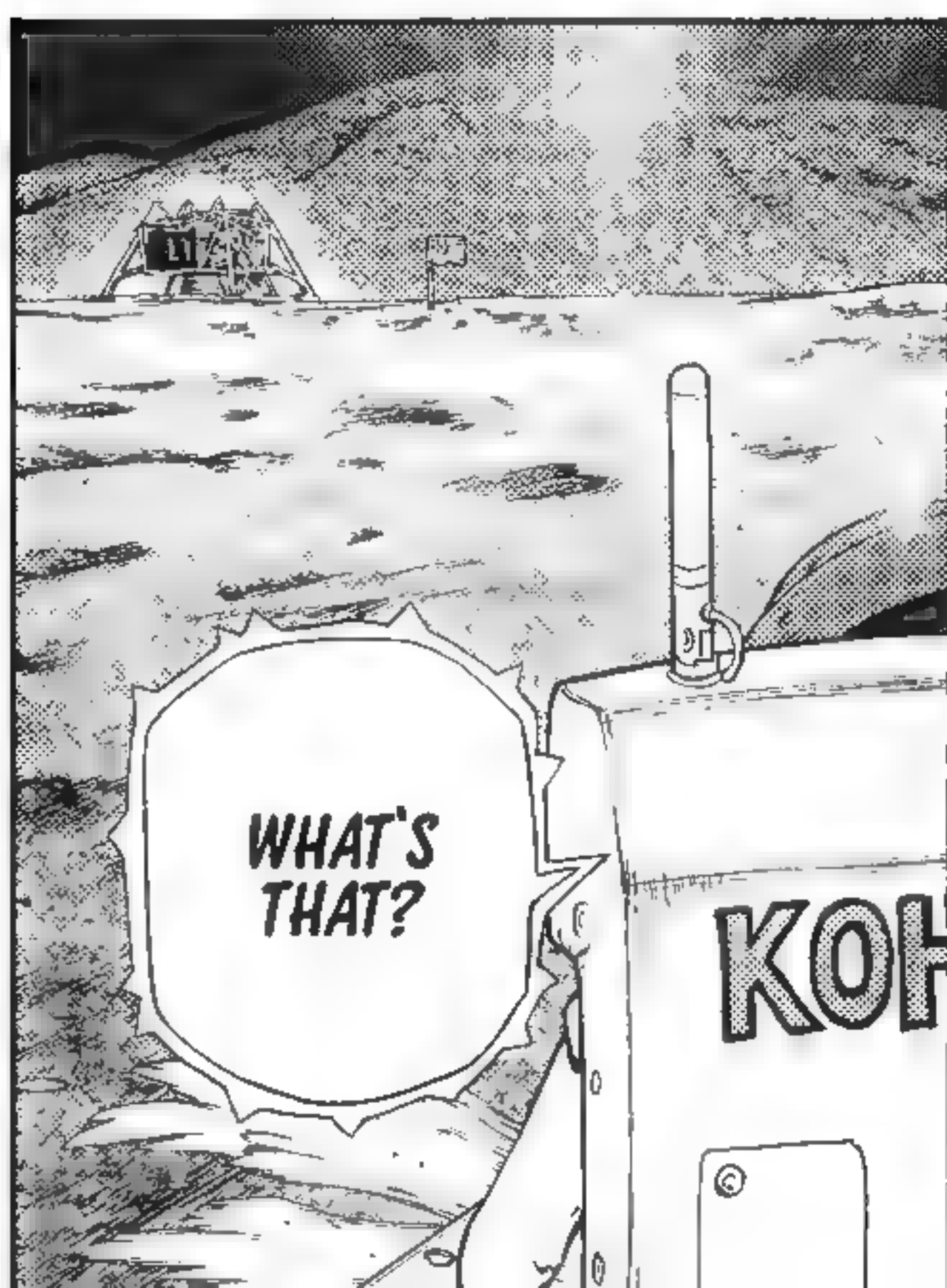
IT'S  
ALSO THE  
NECK OF THE  
BUNNY ON  
THE MOON!

YOUR  
DESTINATION IS  
THE TAURUS-  
LITTROW  
VALLEY!



...THE  
INEXPLICABLE  
DARK STAIN  
ON THE  
SURFACE.

THAT'S  
WHERE OUR  
SATELLITE  
CONFIRMED...



WHAT'S  
THAT?

KOH



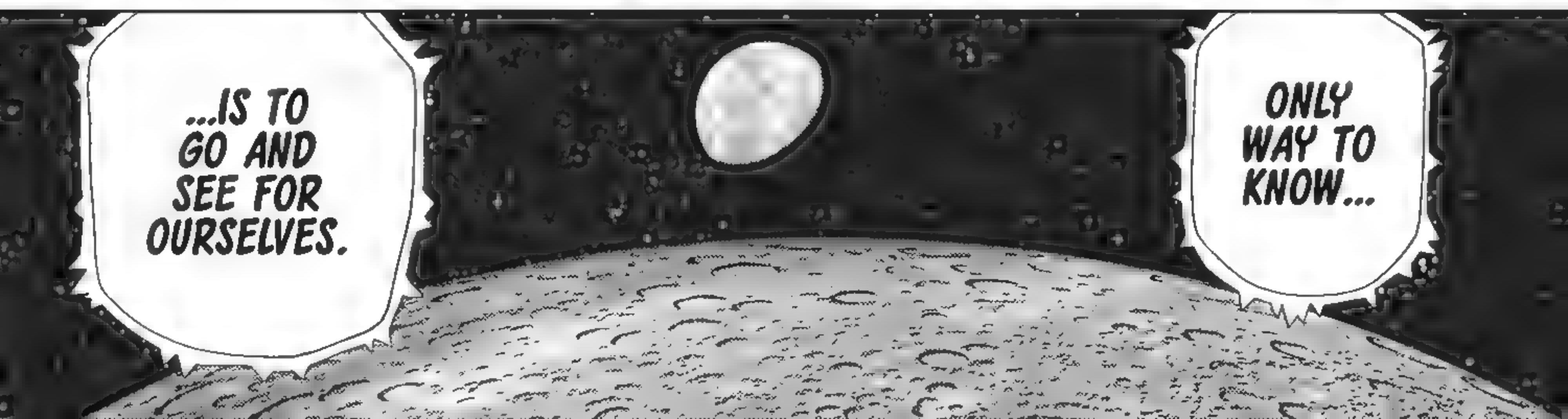
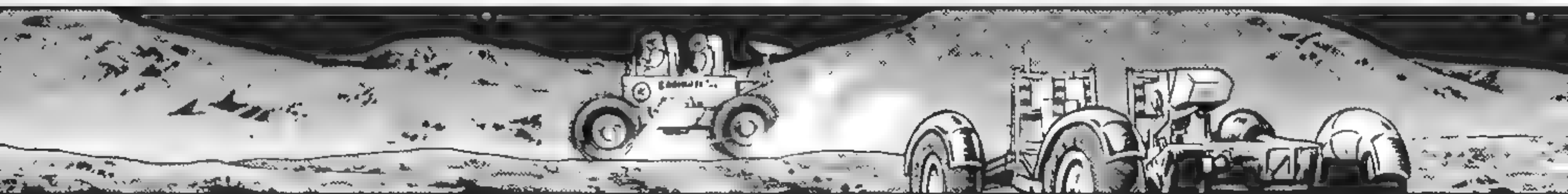
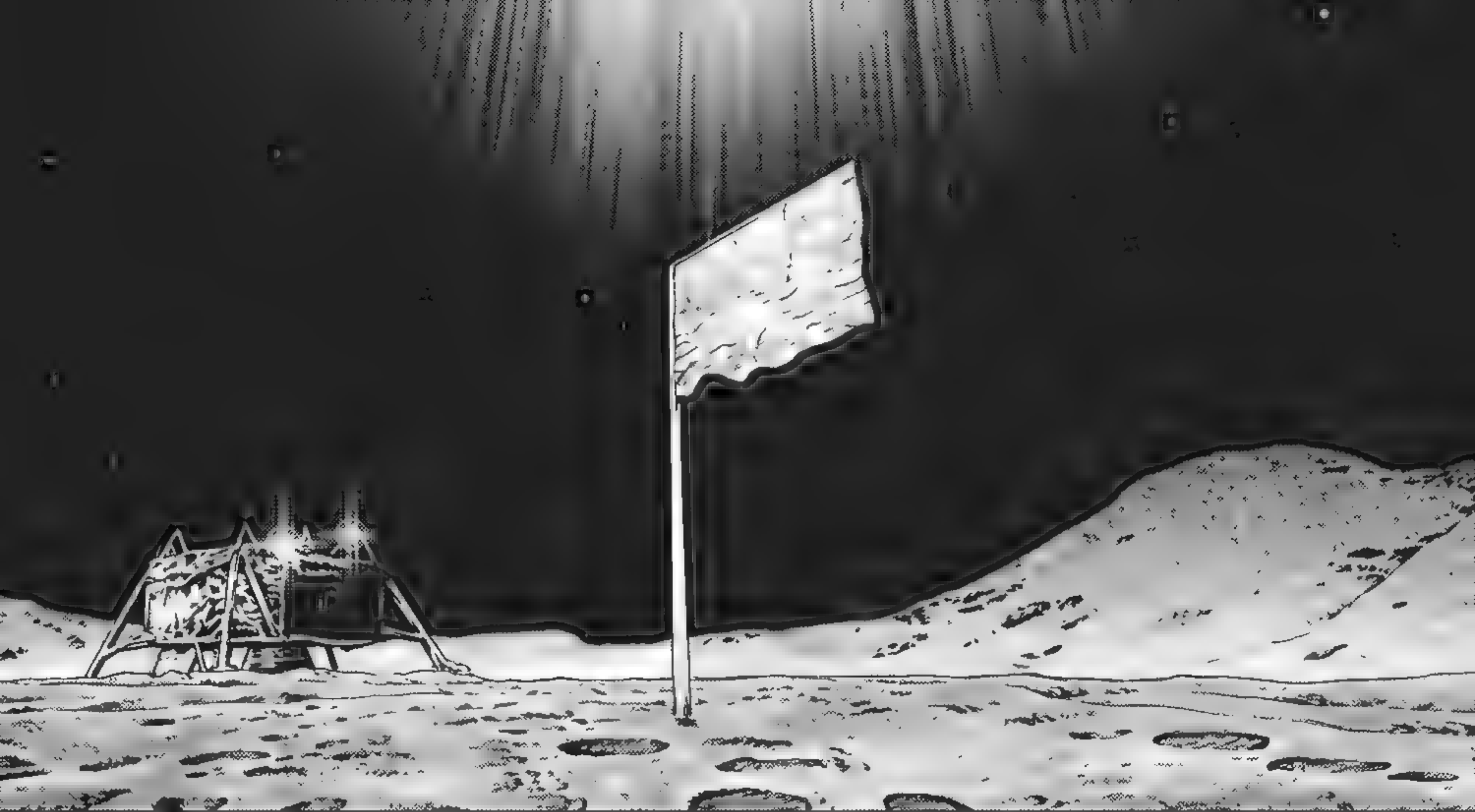
HEH HEH  
HEH... BETTER  
THAN LANDING  
SMACK-DAB IN  
THE HEART OF  
DARKNESS.

THE  
ENEMY'LL  
SPOT US  
FROM MILES  
AWAY...

...IN THIS  
TRICKED-  
OUT LUNAR  
ROVER.



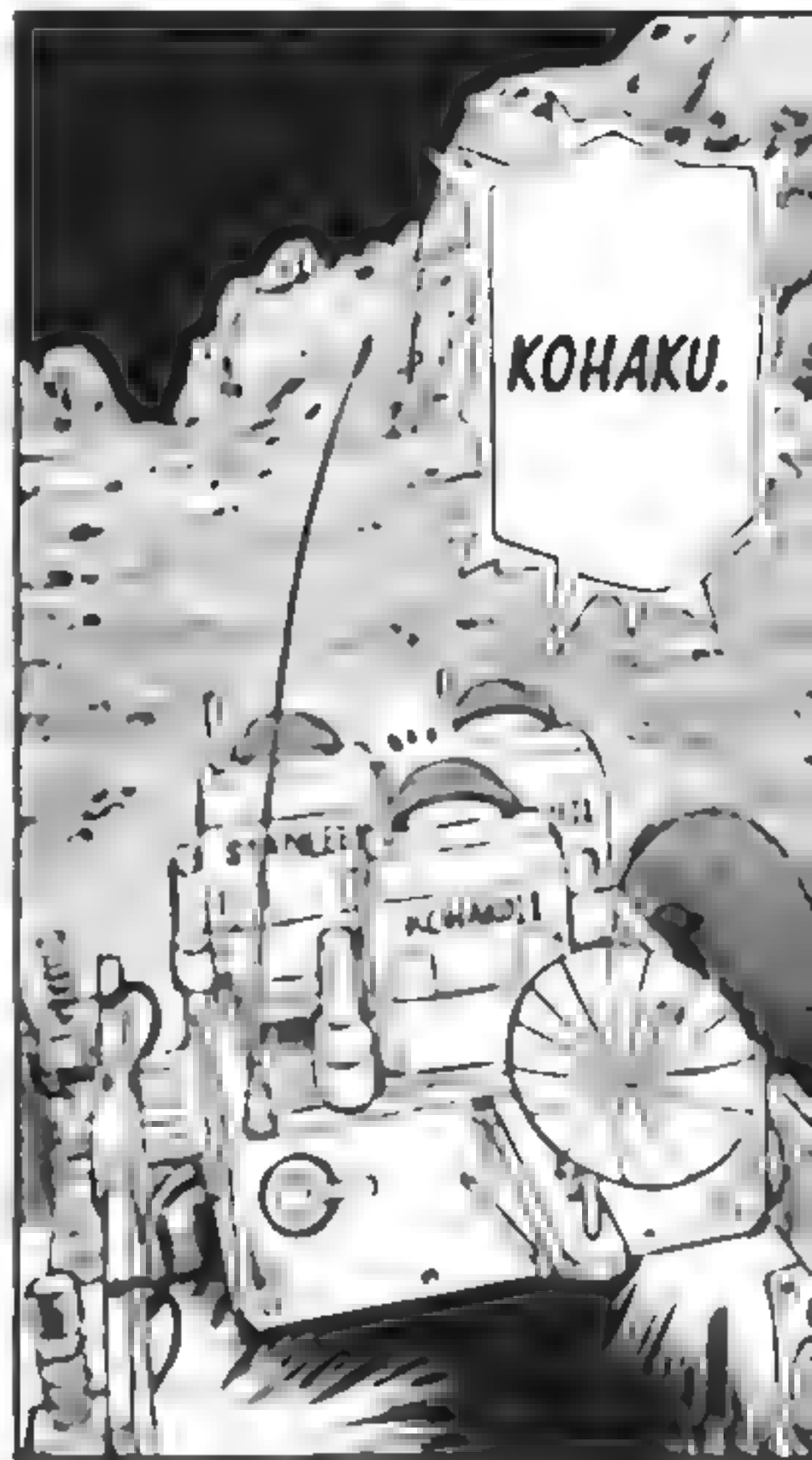
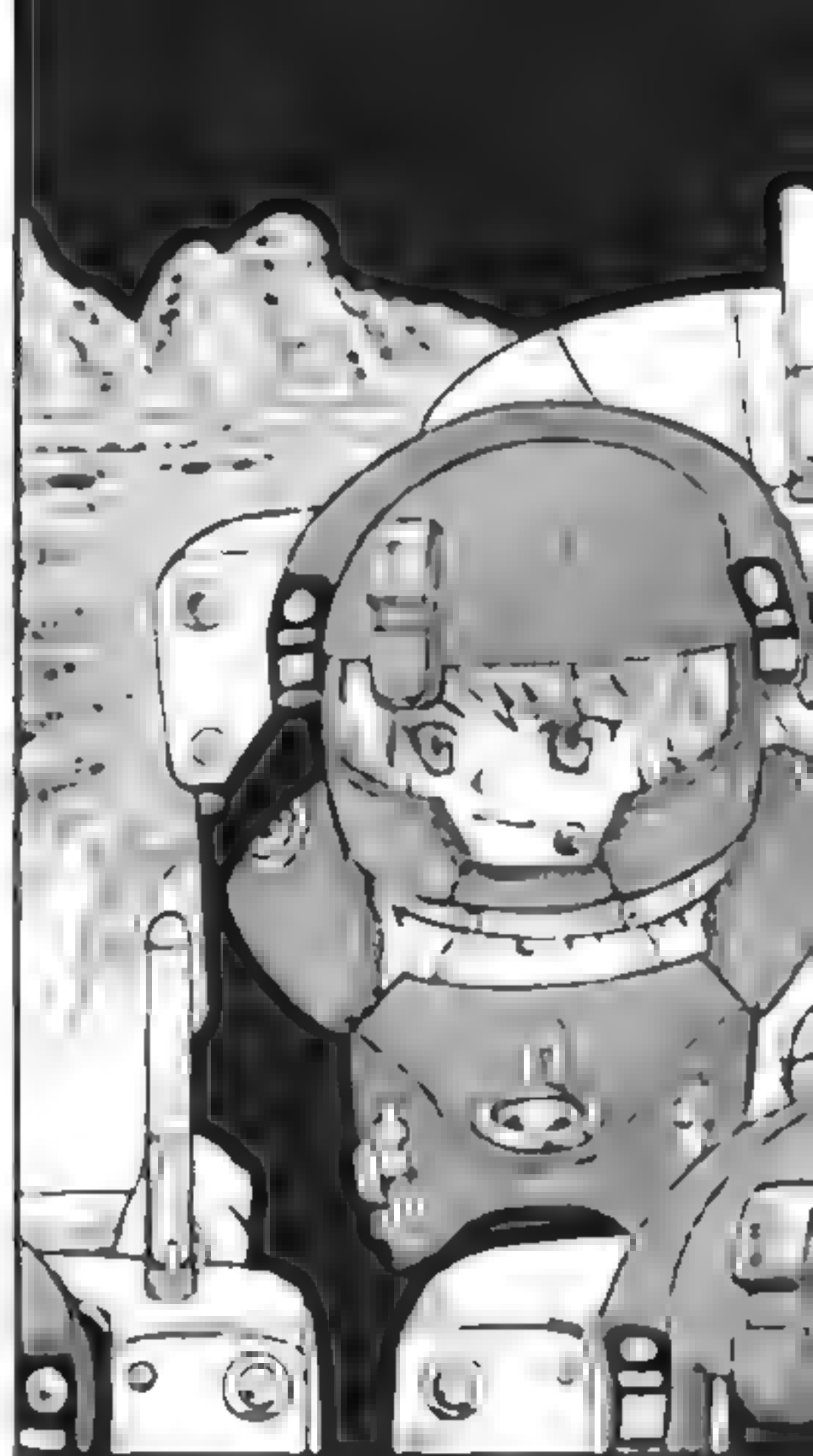
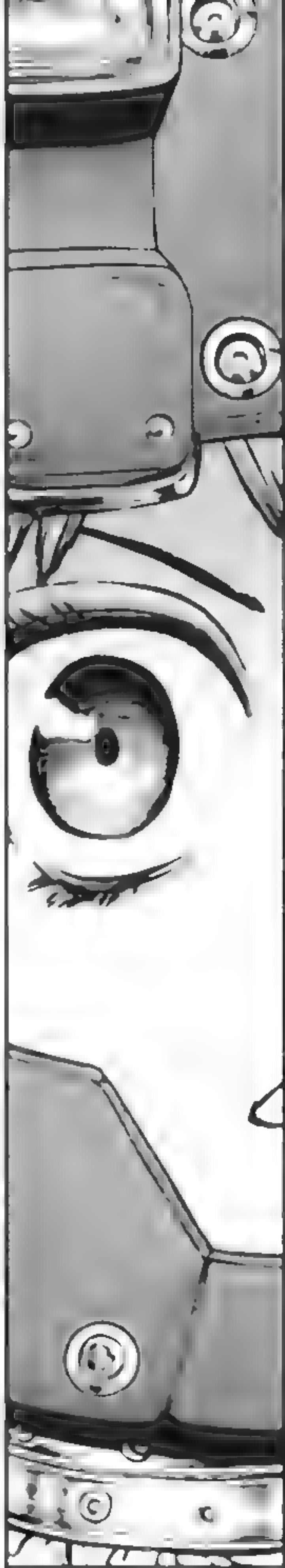




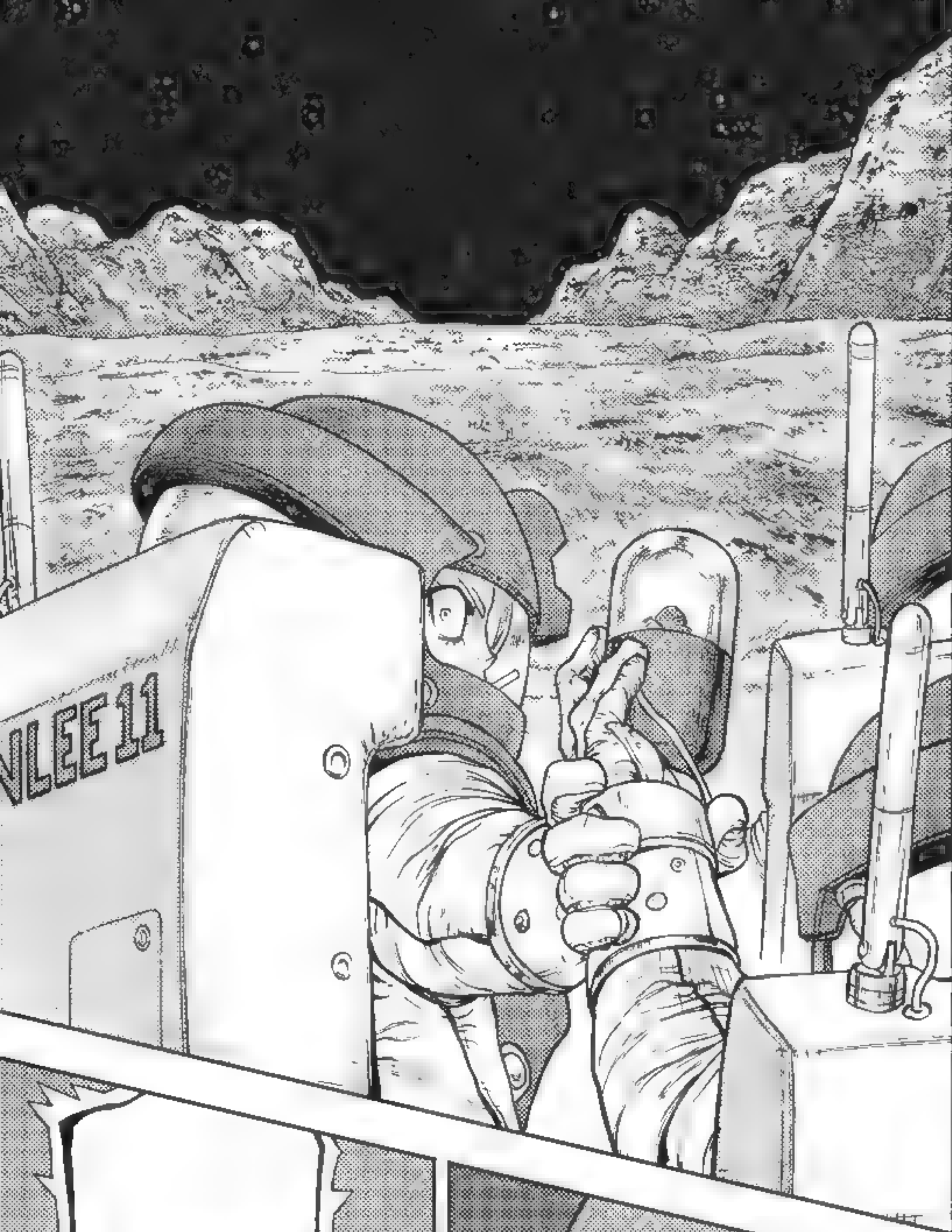












SENKU...

...DIDN'T  
SAY A  
WORD!



KOHAKU!

WHAT'S  
WITH  
YOU?

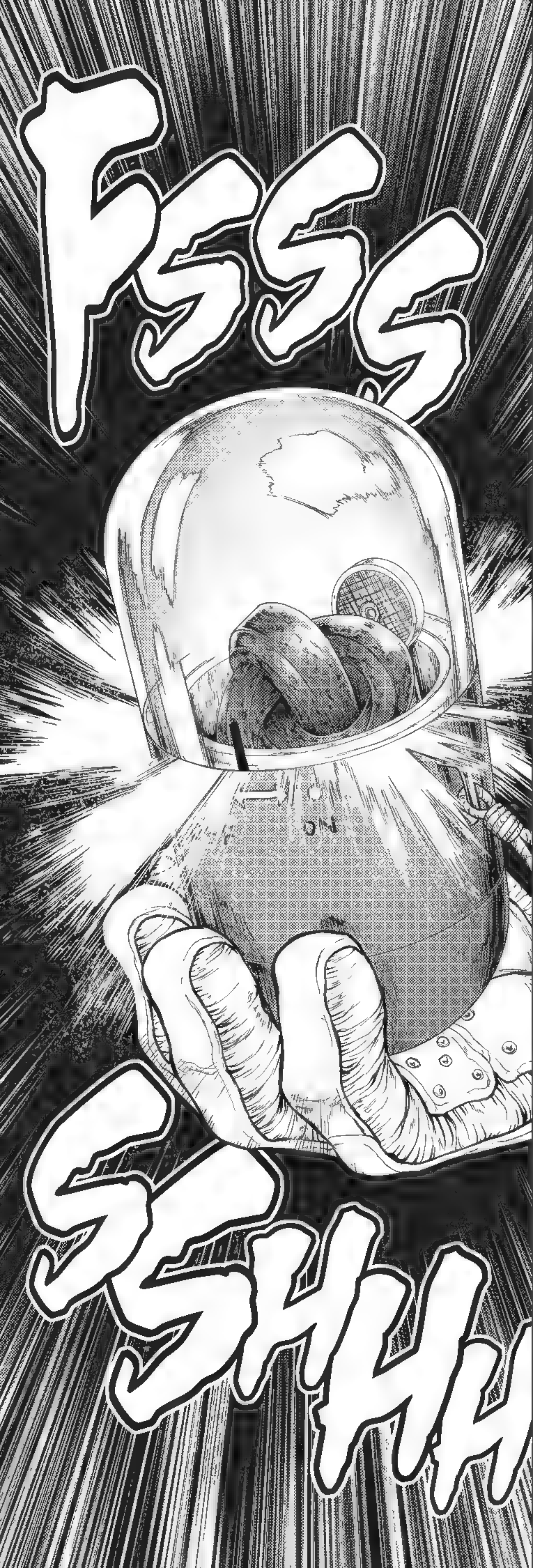


SKWK

SH

UP



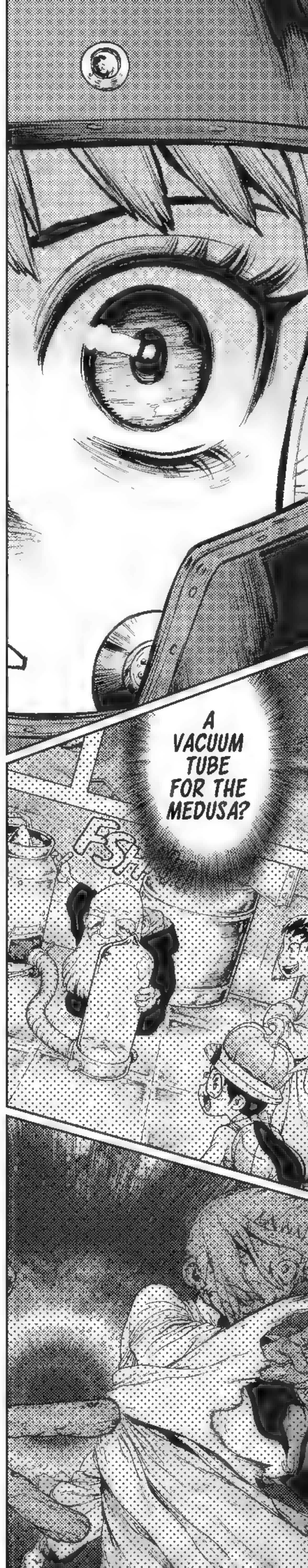


SENKU'S  
EXACT  
FREQUENCY...

MIMICKING  
HIS VOICE...



IT'S A  
FAKE  
TRANS-  
MISSION!



A  
VACUUM  
TUBE  
FOR THE  
MEDUSA?





**THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH...**

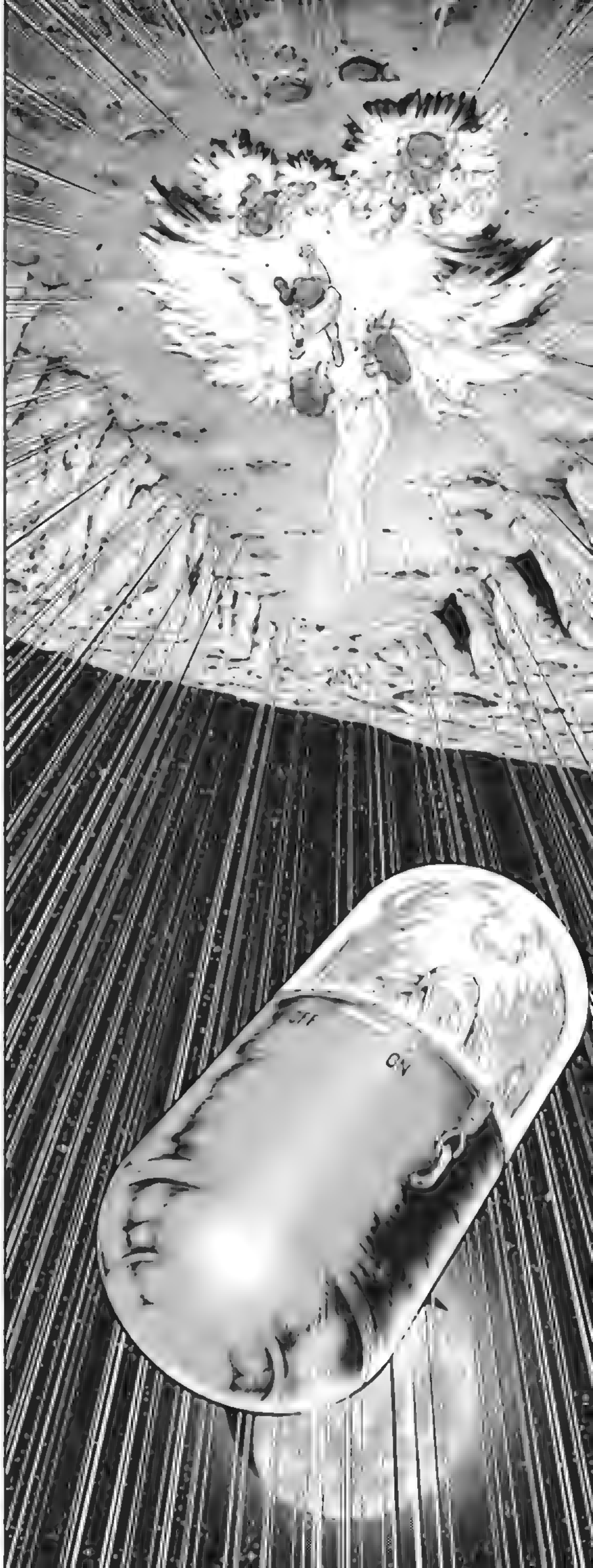
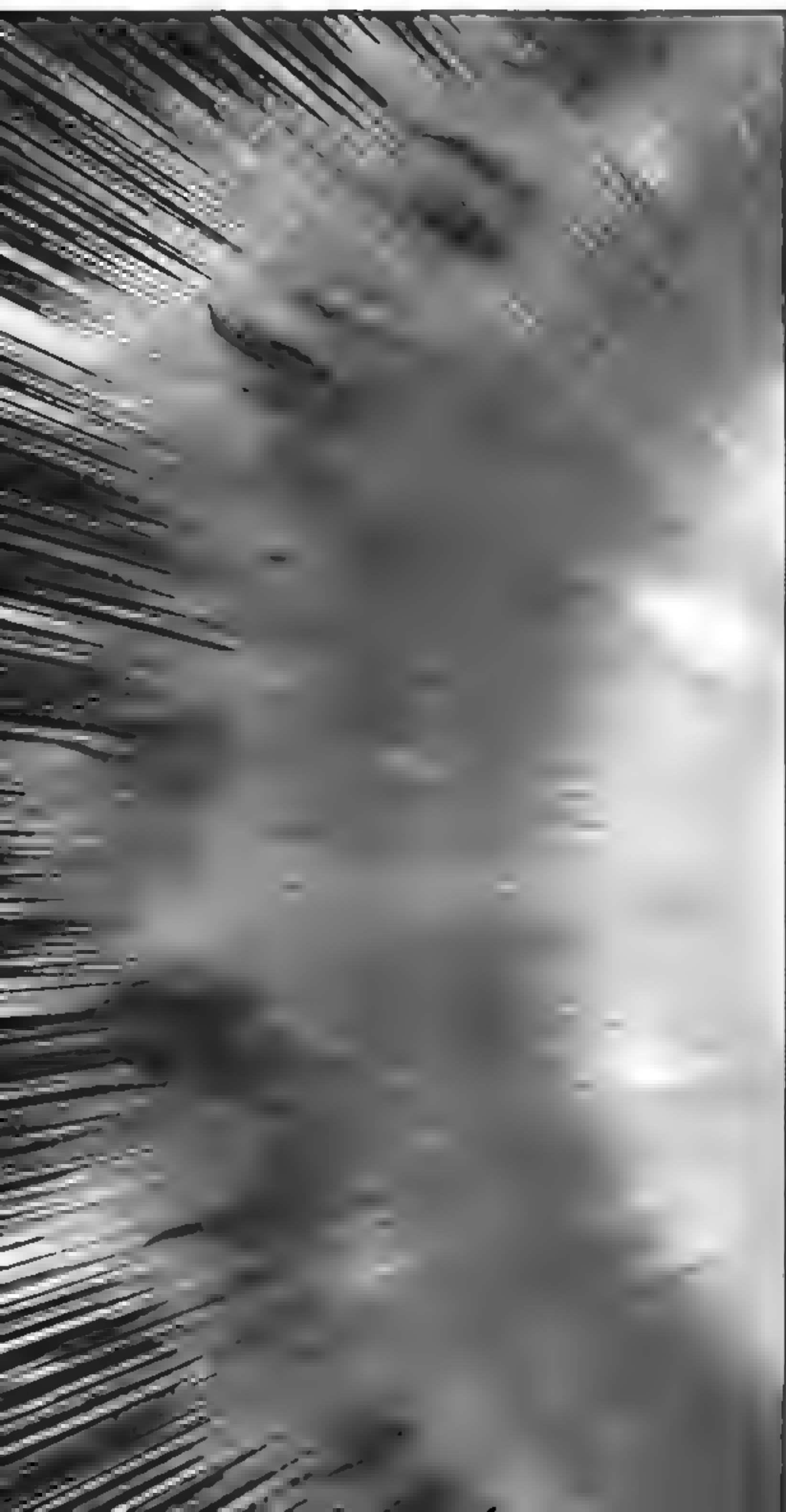
**...FOR  
UNLOCKING  
IT FOR  
ME.**





TOSS IT,  
KOHA-













SO  
THIS  
IS...

...THAT  
ÖMINOUS  
DARK  
STAIN WE  
SPOTTED!

...WHAT'S  
BEHIND...



THE  
WHOLE  
MYSTERY.

...COMING  
TOGETHER.


...IT'S ALL...

FINALLY  
...



I  
GET  
IT.





**WHY-MAN  
WAS...**

**...YOU!**



**ALL  
ALONG...**

**THIS  
WHOLE  
TIME...**

**CLOSER  
THAN WE  
KNEW...**



**THE  
PERPE-  
TRATOR  
BEHIND  
THAT  
FLASH OF  
LIGHT...**

**...THAT  
TURNED  
HUMANITY  
TO STONE  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS  
AGO.**









AT  
LAST...

THAT  
MASSIVE  
STAIN,  
WRITHING  
AROUND ON  
THE MOON'S  
SURFACE.

...IT'S  
CLEAR WHAT  
WE WERE  
SEEING!

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WHO'D  
YOU  
FIND...

WHAT  
HAPPENED?



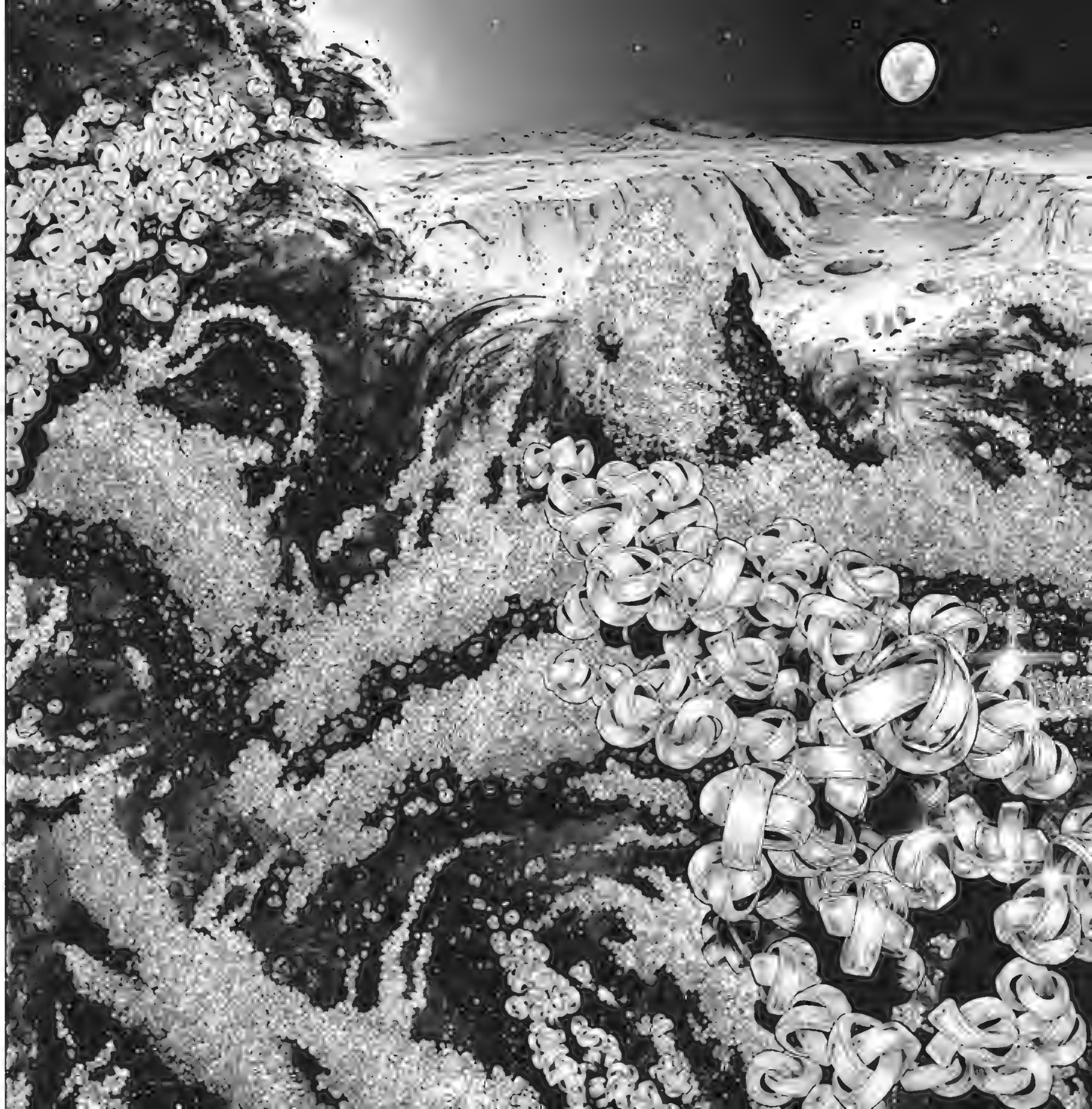
...ON  
THE  
MOON?!



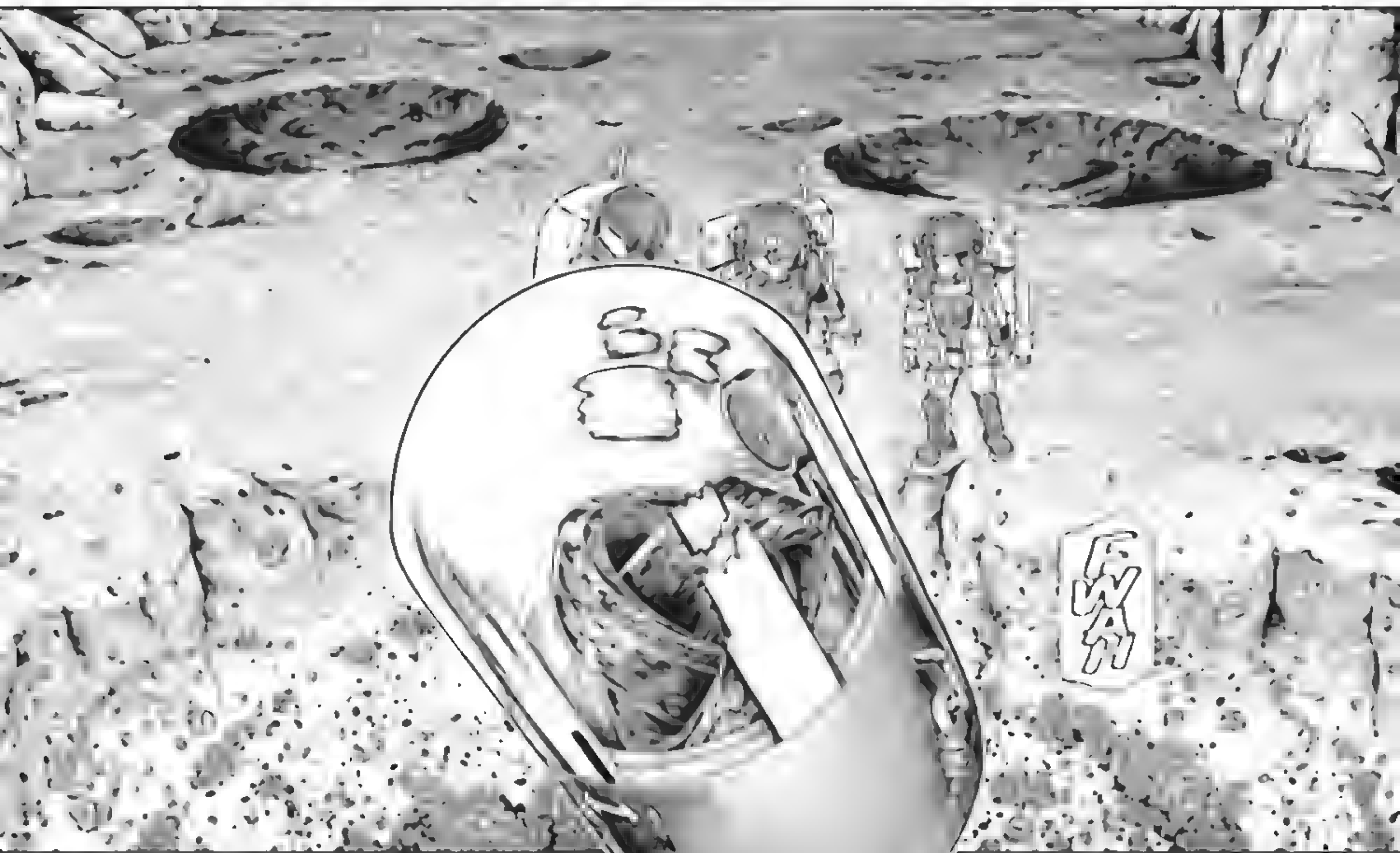


...THAT  
CHANGES  
LITTLE BY  
LITTLE  
OVER  
TIME.

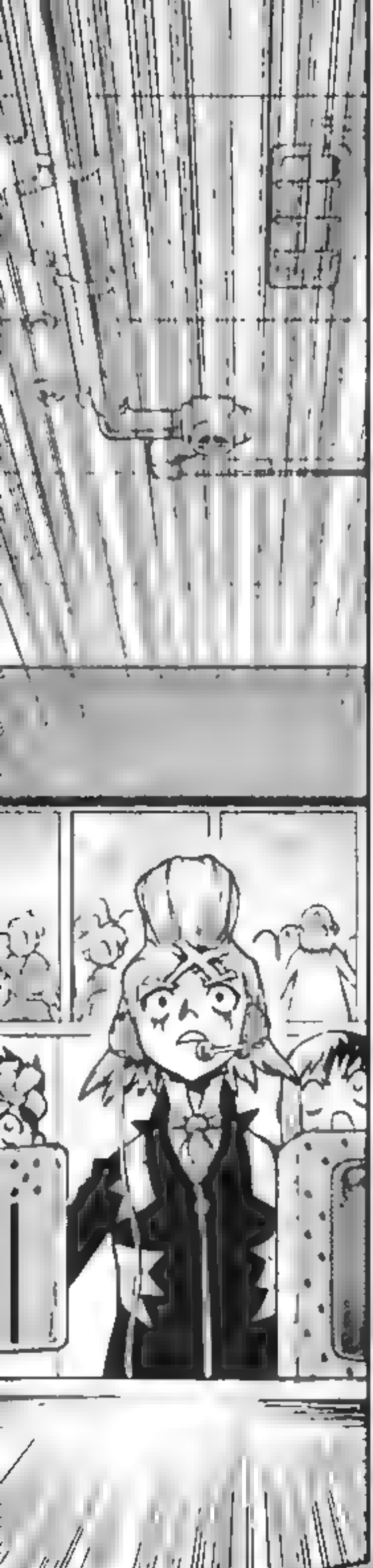
THERE'S  
ONE  
SPOT...











<YES.>

KZZT

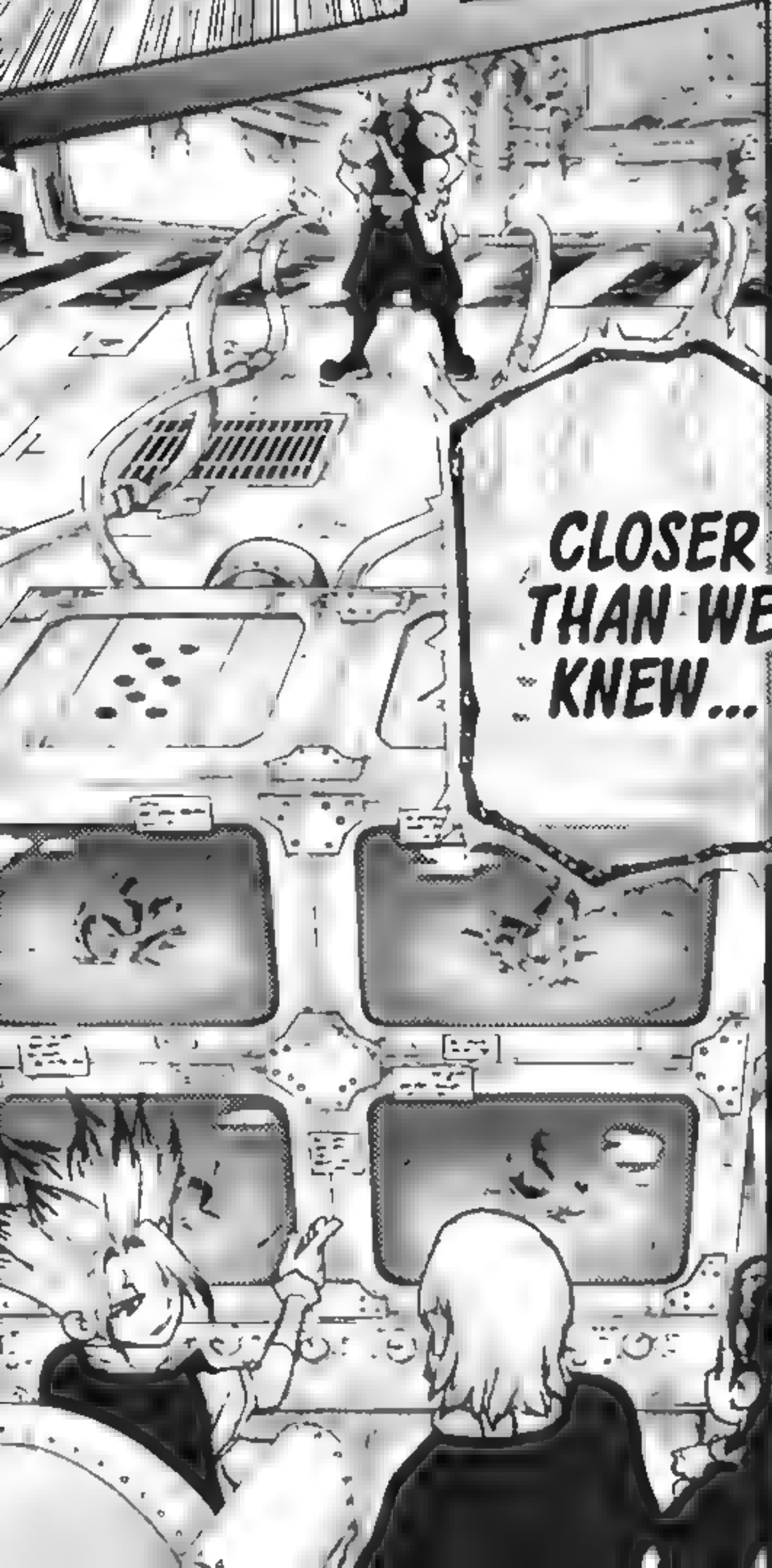
KZZT



...USING  
RADIO  
WAVES.

I KNOW  
YOU CAN  
TALK...

WHETHER IN  
ENGLISH OR  
JAPANESE...



CLOSER  
THAN WE  
KNEW...



ALL  
ALONG...

THIS  
WHOLE  
TIME...





**AND  
YOU, THE  
DEVICES...**

**YOU  
ARE...**

**...THE  
MEDUSAS.**





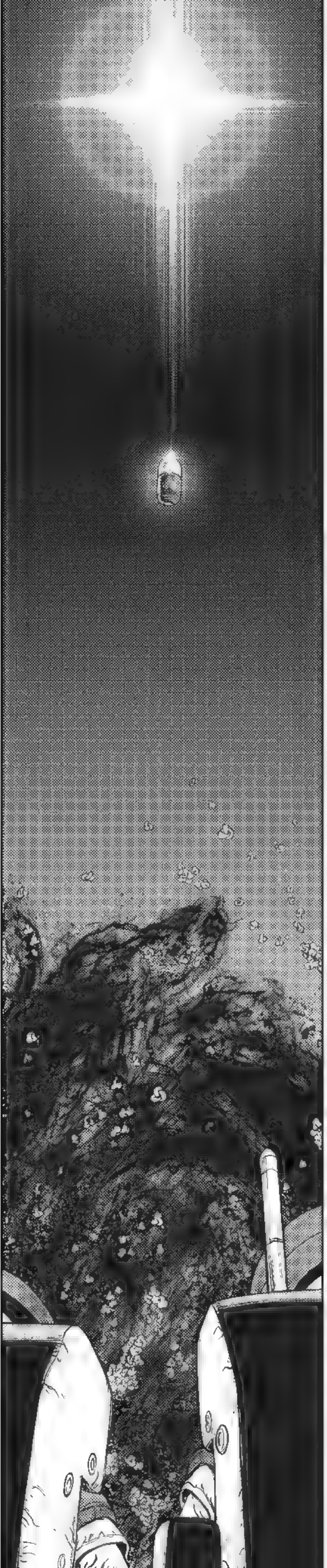


**...ARE THE  
MACHINE  
LIFE-  
FORMS...**

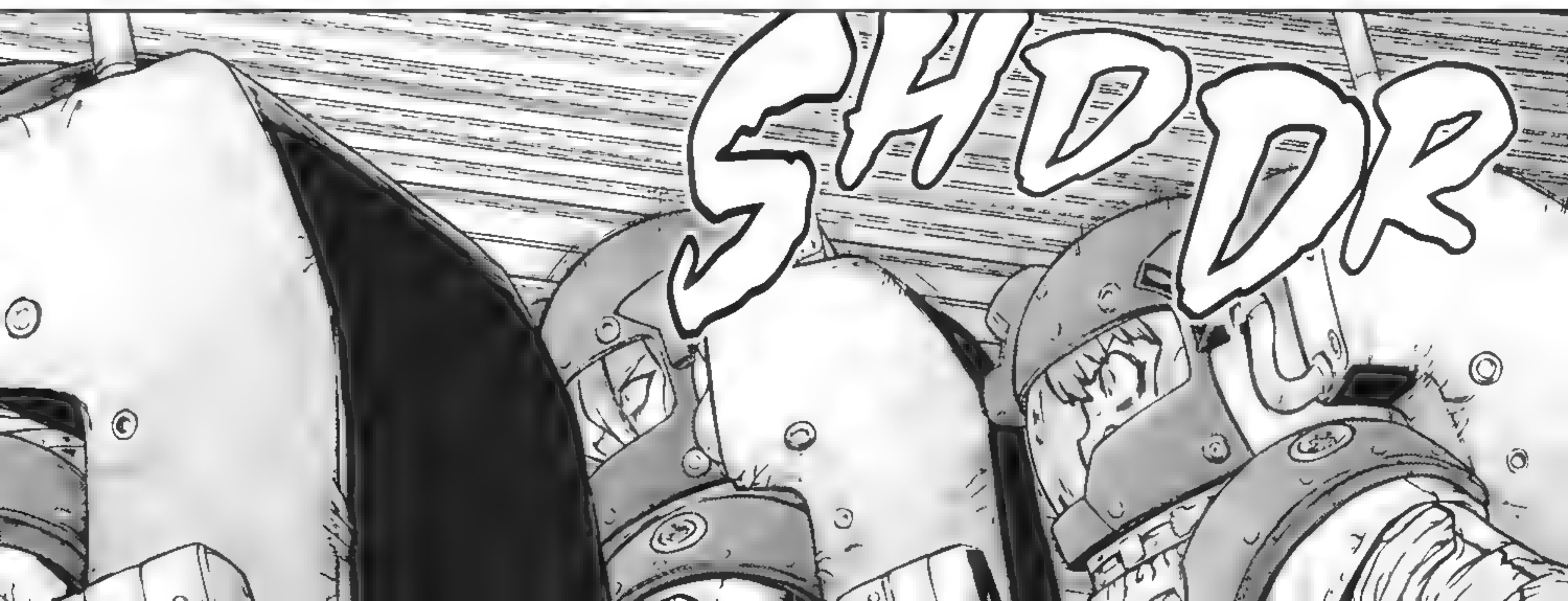
**...THAT  
FORM  
WHY-  
MAN!**



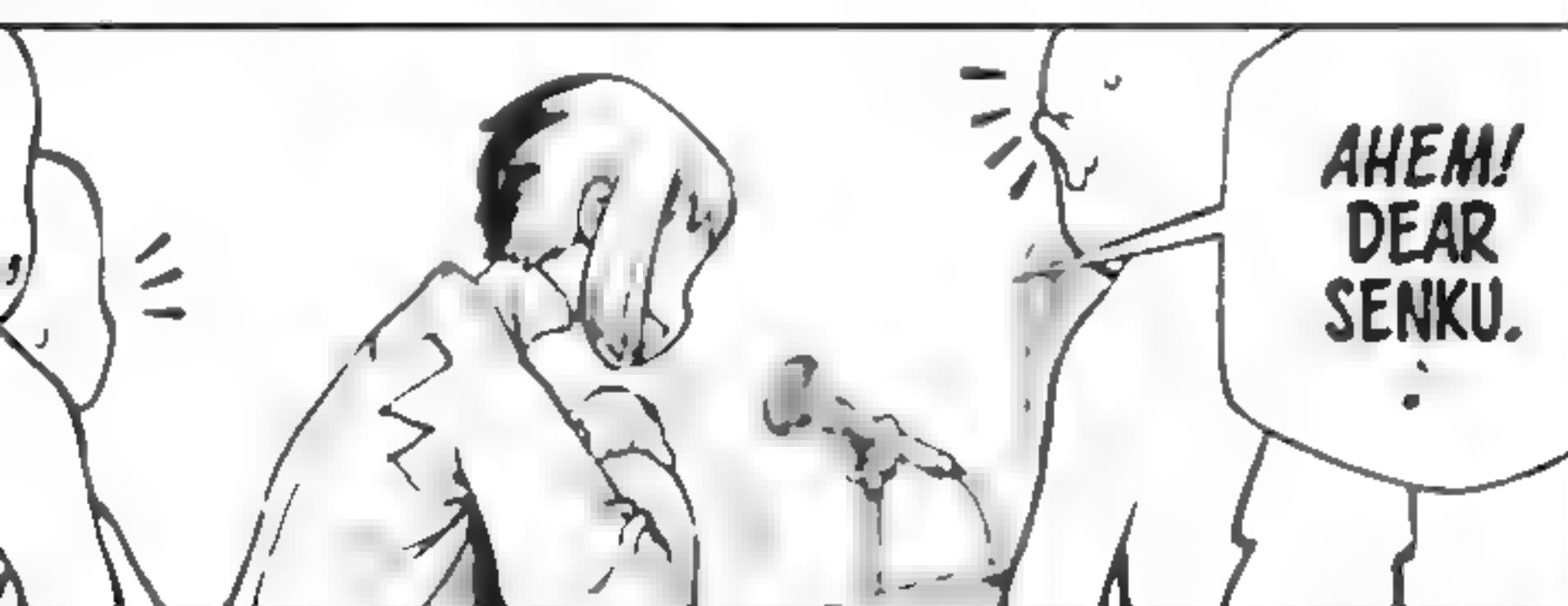
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AHEM!  
DEAR  
SENKU.

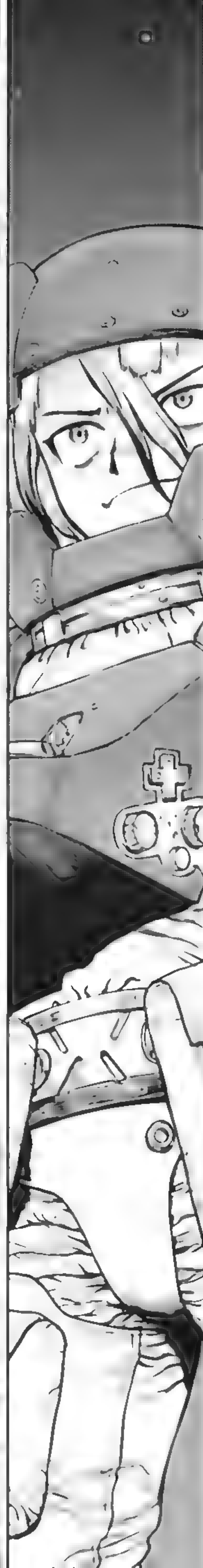


...BUT IN  
ANY CASE,  
NEGOTIATION  
WITH A NEW  
POLITICAL  
ENTITY HAS...

I HAVEN'T  
THE FAINTEST  
WHETHER OR  
NOT OUR  
NEW FRIENDS  
ARE CAPABLE  
OF HONEST  
CONVERSATION...

...HISTORIC-  
ALLY AND  
UNIVERSALLY  
...

...BEGUN WITH  
AN IMMEDIATE  
OFFERING OF  
A GIFT.  
...



COULD  
IT BE...

...SO  
THAT WE  
WON'T  
HAVE TO  
DIE?!

...THAT  
THEY'RE  
TRYING TO  
PETRIFY  
US ALL...



SHORTLY  
AFTER OUR  
ASTRO-  
NAUTS...



...DODGED  
A BLAST OF  
THE PETRI-  
BEAM...



DO YOU  
WANNA  
DIE?



THE SAME  
MESSAGE...

...WE  
HEARD FROM  
DEAR WHY-  
MAN...

...THAT  
OTHER  
TIME!

BUT WHY  
NOW, AT  
THIS VERY  
MOMENT?!



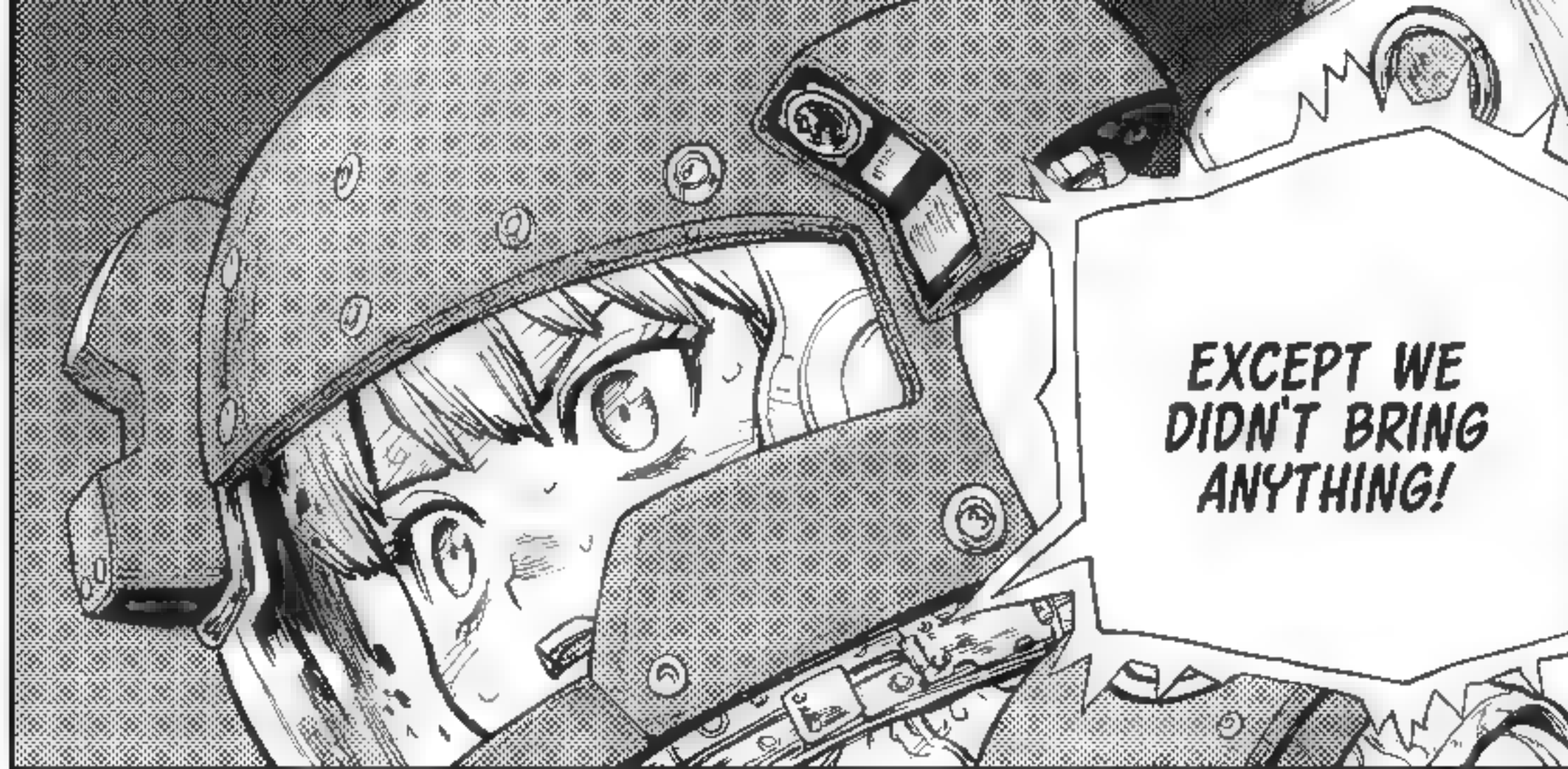
MAYBE  
THEY AIN'T  
TRYING TO  
DESTROY  
US!

WAIT.  
MAYBE...

...THE  
MEDUSAS  
...

ERM, THE  
WHY-MANS...  
WHATEVER  
THEY ARE!



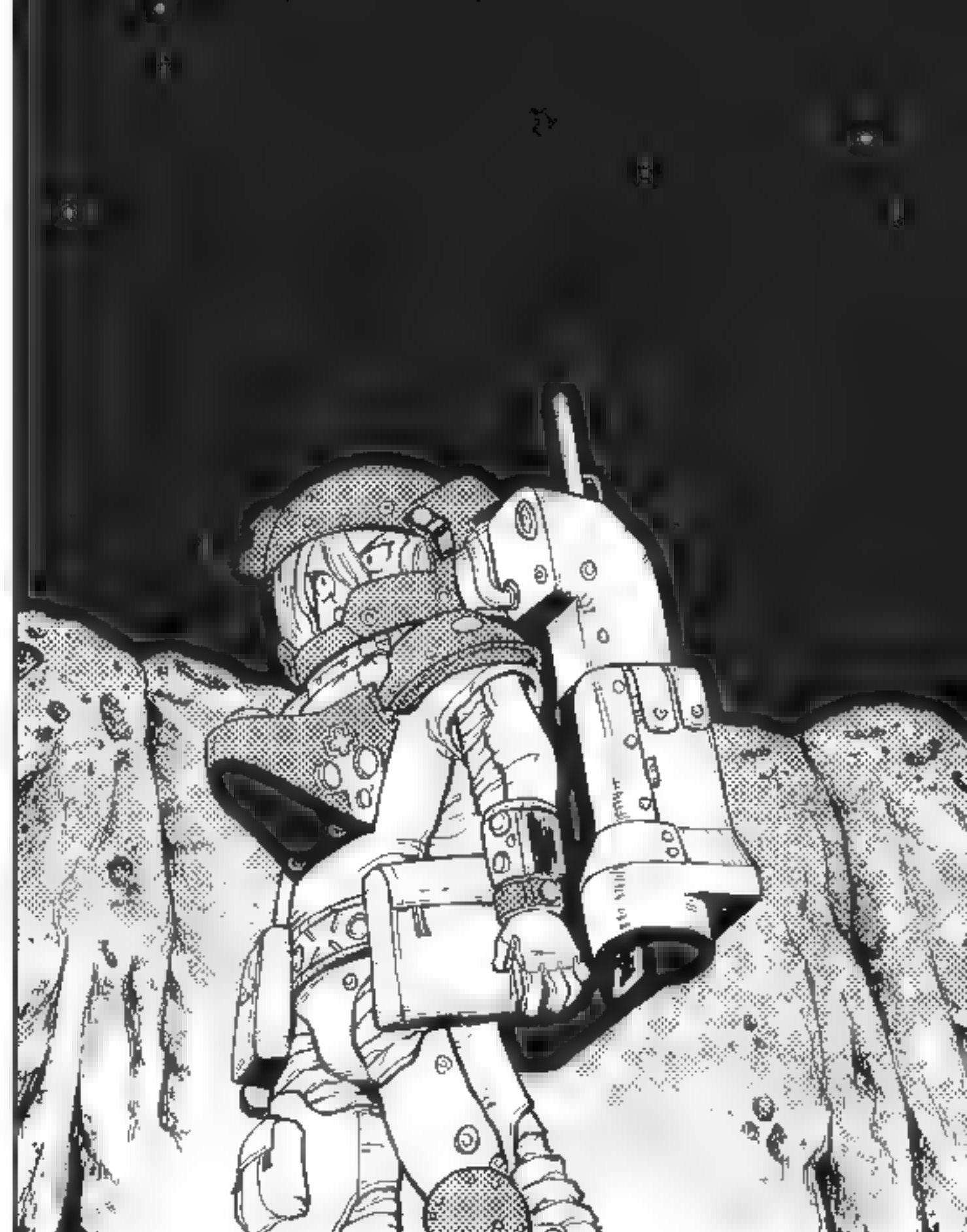


EXCEPT WE  
DIDN'T BRING  
ANYTHING!



...FOR THESE  
THINGS? ARE  
THEY EVEN  
ALIVE?!

BESIDES,  
WHAT SORT  
OF GIFT  
MAKES  
SENSE...



AS  
LONG AS  
THERE'RE  
RULES...

...THEN  
THERE'S  
SCIENCE  
AT WORK.



THINK.

THEY MUST  
OPERATE  
ACCORDING  
TO  
REPLICABLE  
RULES.



THEY'VE  
GONE OUTTA  
THEIR WAY  
TO ASK IF WE  
WANNA DIE.

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
WE ONLY  
KNOW ONE  
THING FOR  
CERTAIN SO  
FAR.






...CONSIDER  
LIVING AND  
SURVIVING...

SO, THESE  
THINGS, LIKE  
ANY OTHER  
ORGANISM...

...TO  
BE CRAZY  
IMPORTANT.



AH, THAT'S  
PROBABLY NOT  
YOUR NAME, BUT  
YOU DON'T MIND  
IF WE STICK  
WITH THAT,  
RIGHT?

WHY-  
MAN.



HOWEVER!

...WE CAN'T  
CREATE  
MORE OF  
YOU, SORRY  
TO SAY.

WITH THE  
LEVEL OF  
SCIENCE  
WE'RE AT  
NOW...





THAT'S  
OUR GIFT  
TO YOU.

AND IN  
RETURN,  
WE  
REQUEST  
THAT YOU...



ONE  
STEP AT  
A TIME...

...THE  
SCIENCE OF  
HUMANITY...

...PASSED  
MILESTONES  
...

...AND  
MADE  
IT THAT  
FAR AT  
LEAST.



...AND  
KEEP IT  
POLITE.

WATCH  
WHAT YOU  
SAY...

NICE  
AND  
CAREFUL  
NOW,  
DEAR  
SENKU.



YOU'RE  
WAY TOO  
BLUNT!

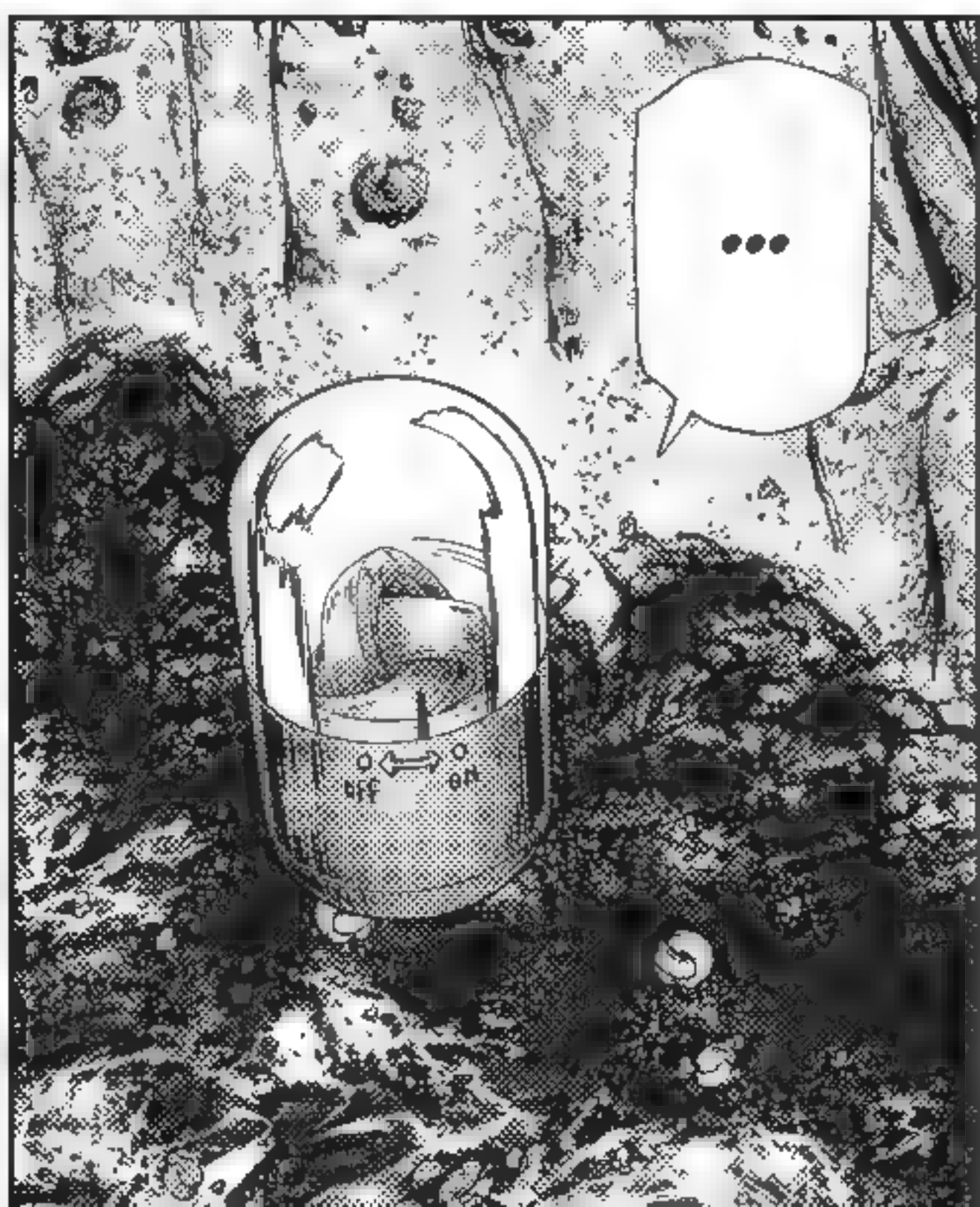
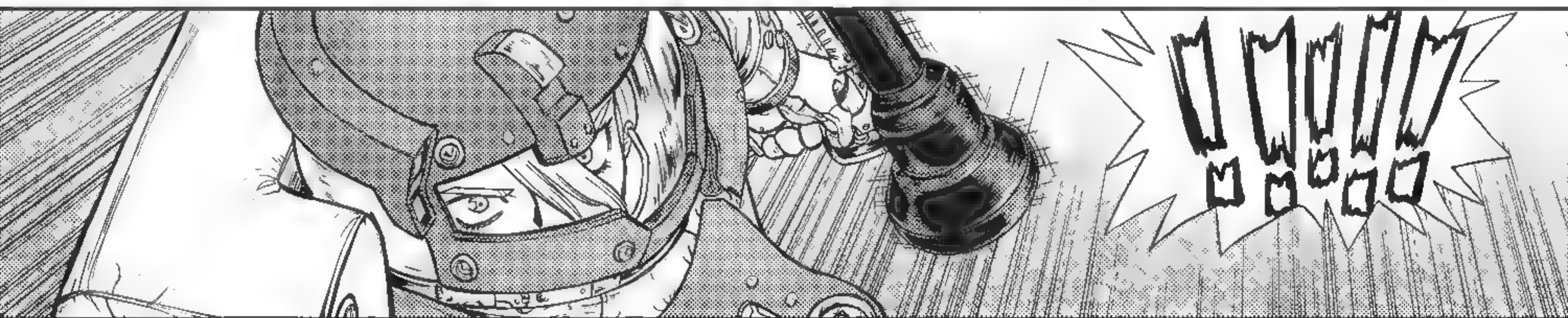
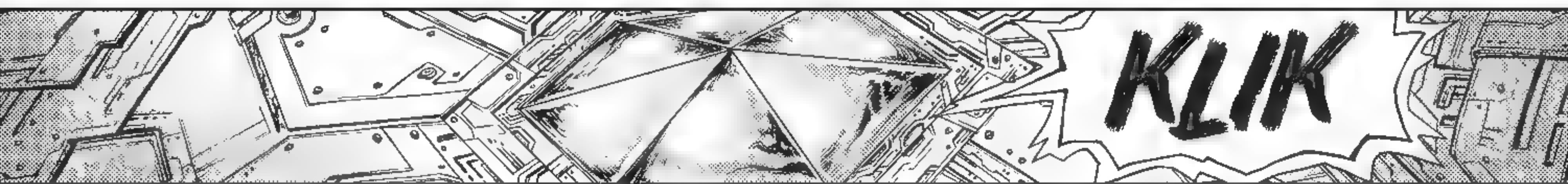
QUIT FIRING  
OFF THOSE  
DAMN PETRI-  
BEAMS EVERY  
CHANCE  
YOU GET,  
JERKWADS!



WE CAN  
REPLENISH  
YOUR LIFE  
FORCE...

...BY  
PROVIDING  
NEW  
DIAMOND  
BATTERIES.





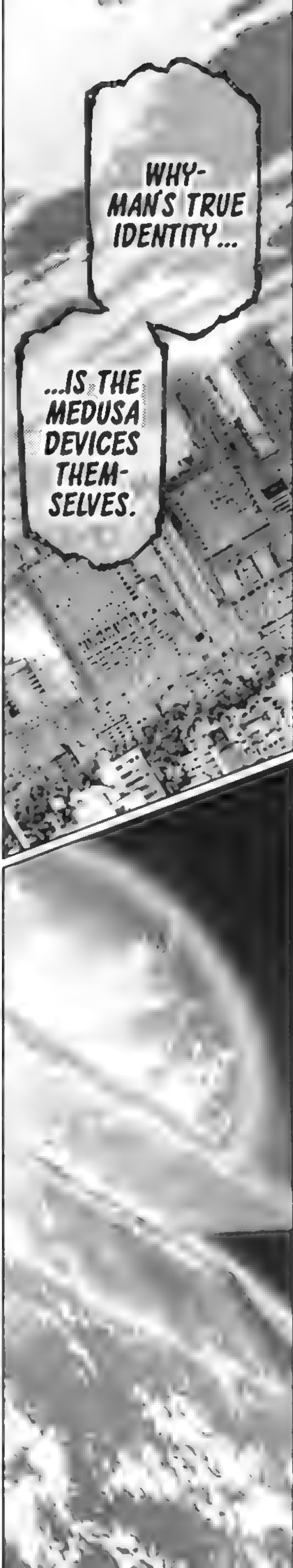








**PETRIFICATION  
OFFERS  
EVERLASTING  
LIFE, AND BY  
DANGLING THAT  
REWARD...**



**WHY-  
MAN'S TRUE  
IDENTITY...**

**...IS THE  
MEDUSA  
DEVICES  
THEM-  
SELVES.**



**OF  
COURSE.**

**...THEY SPUR  
INTELLIGENT  
LIFE TO  
BETTER ITSELF.  
TO MARCH  
TOWARD  
PROGRESS.**





NOW,  
COMPREHENSIVE  
DIVULGENCE OF  
INFORMATION...



...WILL BE  
INITIATED...

...SEVERAL  
MILLENNIA  
PRIOR...

...ABOUT  
TURNING  
YOU TO  
STONE...



YES,  
ACCURATE  
THAT IS.



...MECHANICAL  
PARASITES.

THEY  
ARE. IN  
FACT...

AH,  
WHAT A  
REVELATION!

WHAT TRULY  
ELEGANT  
ORGANISMS!!





**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**Right after being petrified, Senku started counting the seconds, and Taiju was focusing on his feelings for Yuzuriha. But what was everyone else thinking?**

**Moon Mochi from Tokyo  
(and others)**

**SEARCH**



Aside from the American team (with their knowledge of what was coming), most people's minds immediately faded.

Here are the final thoughts of some characters, just before they drifted off!

Hmph!  
Fascinating!  
But I'm not  
about to lose  
everything  
this way,  
no sir!



**Ryusui**

An attack?  
If so, I must  
be ready to  
do battle the  
instant  
I awaken.



**Tsukasa**

Are we  
going to  
be okay?!  
Taiju...  
All our  
friends...



**Yuzuriha**



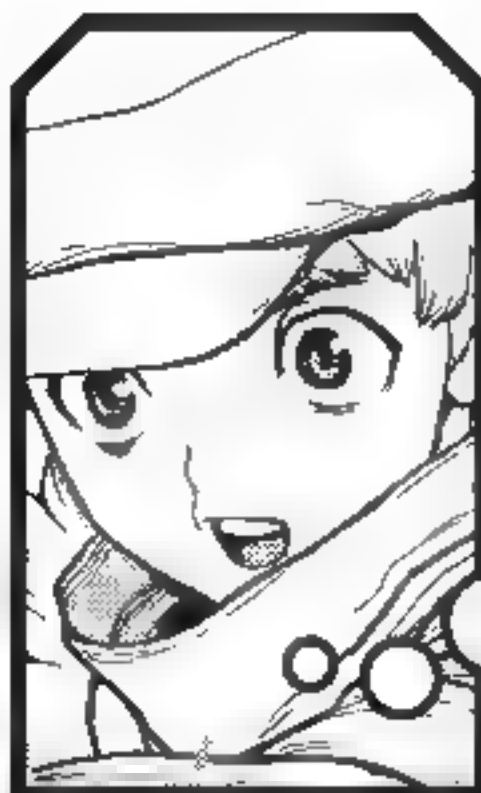
**Yo**

Whoa, what's  
going down?  
I was just  
taking a leak!  
What now?  
I can't do a  
thing? Guess  
I'll snooze...



**Stanley**

No big deal,  
after all  
those long  
stakeouts  
on sniping  
missions. I  
can handle  
this.



**Ukyo**

Even *my*  
ears can't  
hear a  
thing... This  
is clearly  
no training  
exercise.



...SEARCHES...

WHY-MAN...

Z-229: Why-Man

...FOR  
INTELLIGENT  
ORGANISMS  
TO  
PARASITIZE.

MEANING...

...IF  
THE WAVES  
EMITTED FROM  
A PLANET  
DEMONSTRATE  
ANY  
REGULARITY...

ELECTRO-  
MAGNETIC  
WAVES  
ARE AN  
INEVITABILITY  
FOR AN  
ADVANCED  
CIVILIZATION.

THE  
SEARCH  
METHOD IS  
SIMPLE.







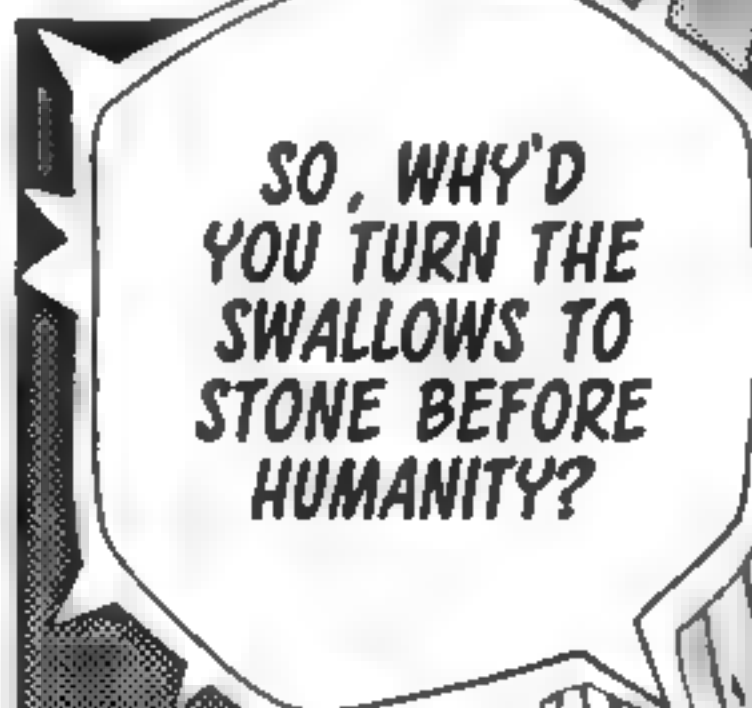
# **Z-229: Why-Man**







STANDARD  
PARASITISM  
PROCESS,  
IT IS.



SO, WHY'D  
YOU TURN THE  
SWALLOWS TO  
STONE BEFORE  
HUMANITY?



Was that  
a test  
run?

TALKING  
ABOUT 3,700  
YEARS BACK,  
HUH?

THIS STORY  
SURE DOES  
BRING BACK  
MEMORIES.





TARGETING  
WAS  
BASED ON  
THE DNA...

THE  
ADVANCE  
PARTY...

...CHOSE  
AN  
ARBITRARY  
SPECIES.

...OF THOSE  
FORTUNATE  
ORGANISMS.



...IT'S  
IMPLYING...

I  
BELIEVE...



LIKE THEY  
WERE LUCKY  
TO BE  
PETRIFIED?!

FORTUN-  
ATE?

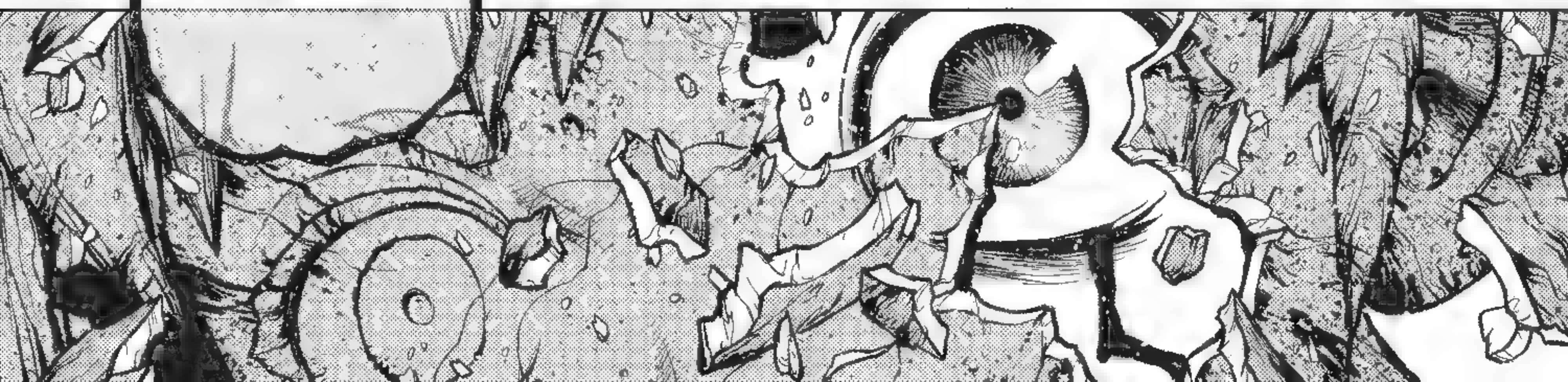


...IS  
CAUSE FOR  
CELEBRATION.

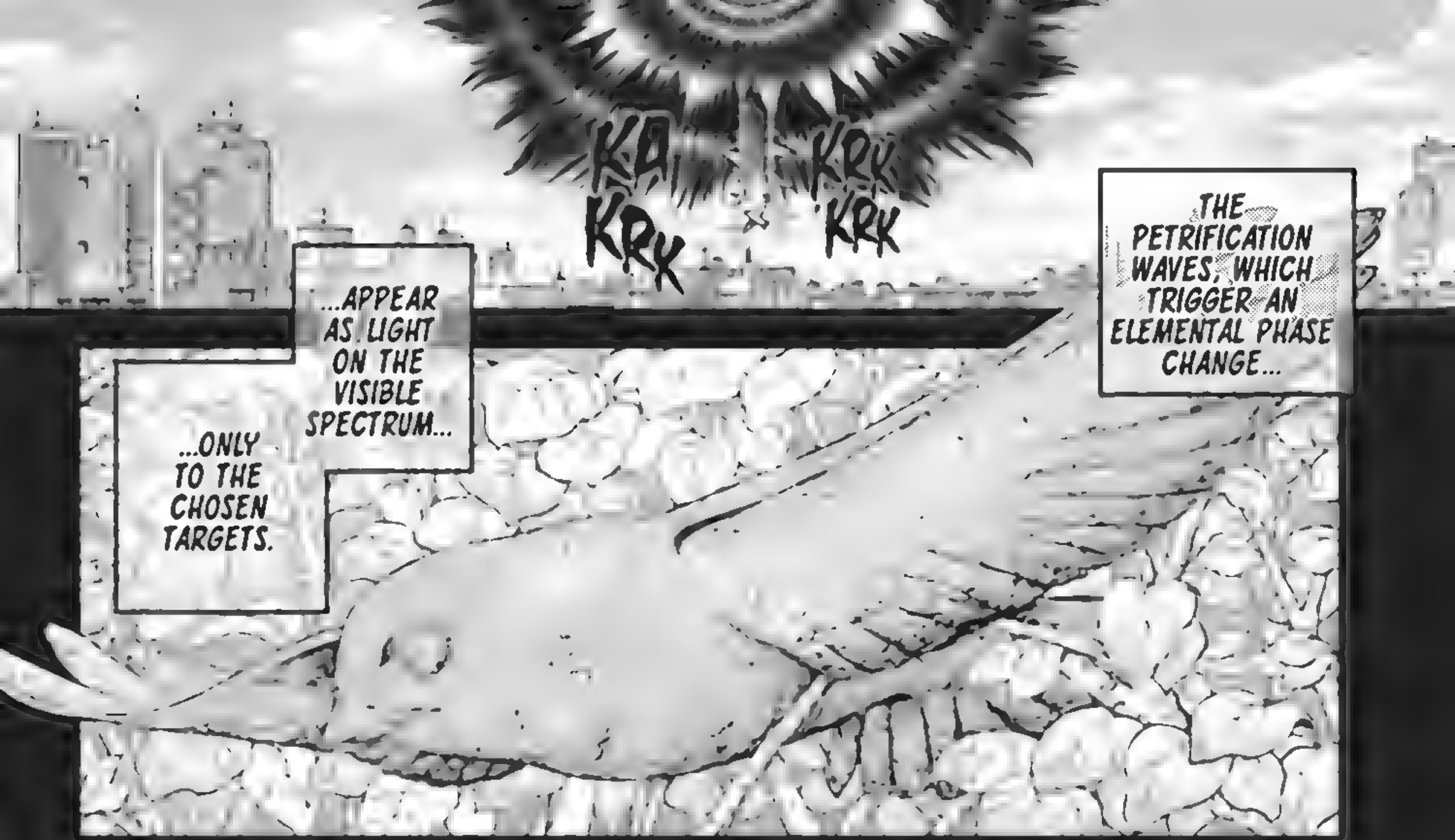
...AND  
ENJOYING A  
PERMANENT,  
DEATHLESS  
EXISTENCE

...THAT  
TURNING TO  
STONE...

THAT'S  
MY  
OPINION.







...ONLY  
TO THE  
CHOSEN  
TARGETS.

...APPEAR  
AS LIGHT  
ON THE  
VISIBLE  
SPECTRUM...

THE  
PETRIFICATION  
WAVES, WHICH  
TRIGGER AN  
ELEMENTAL PHASE  
CHANGE...





...TO  
PARASITIZE.

THE  
OPTIMAL  
TARGET  
FOR THE  
MAIN  
FORCE...


THE MOST  
INTELLIGENT  
SPECIES ON  
THE PLANET IS  
THE ONE...

...THAT  
RECOGNIZES  
PETRIFICATION  
GRANTS  
ETERNAL LIFE.

THE SAME SPECIES  
THAT IMMEDIATELY  
STARTS DISCUSSING  
THE MATTER VIA  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
WAVES...

HUMANITY.





INSTEAD,  
THEY WOULD  
CULTIVATE THE  
PARASITIC  
WHY-MAN...

...IN  
PERPETUITY.

THE  
STONE...

...IS MADE  
SO THAT IT  
IS EASIER  
TO UNDO...

...WHEN MORE  
BRAINPOWER  
IS USED AND  
MAXIMIZED.

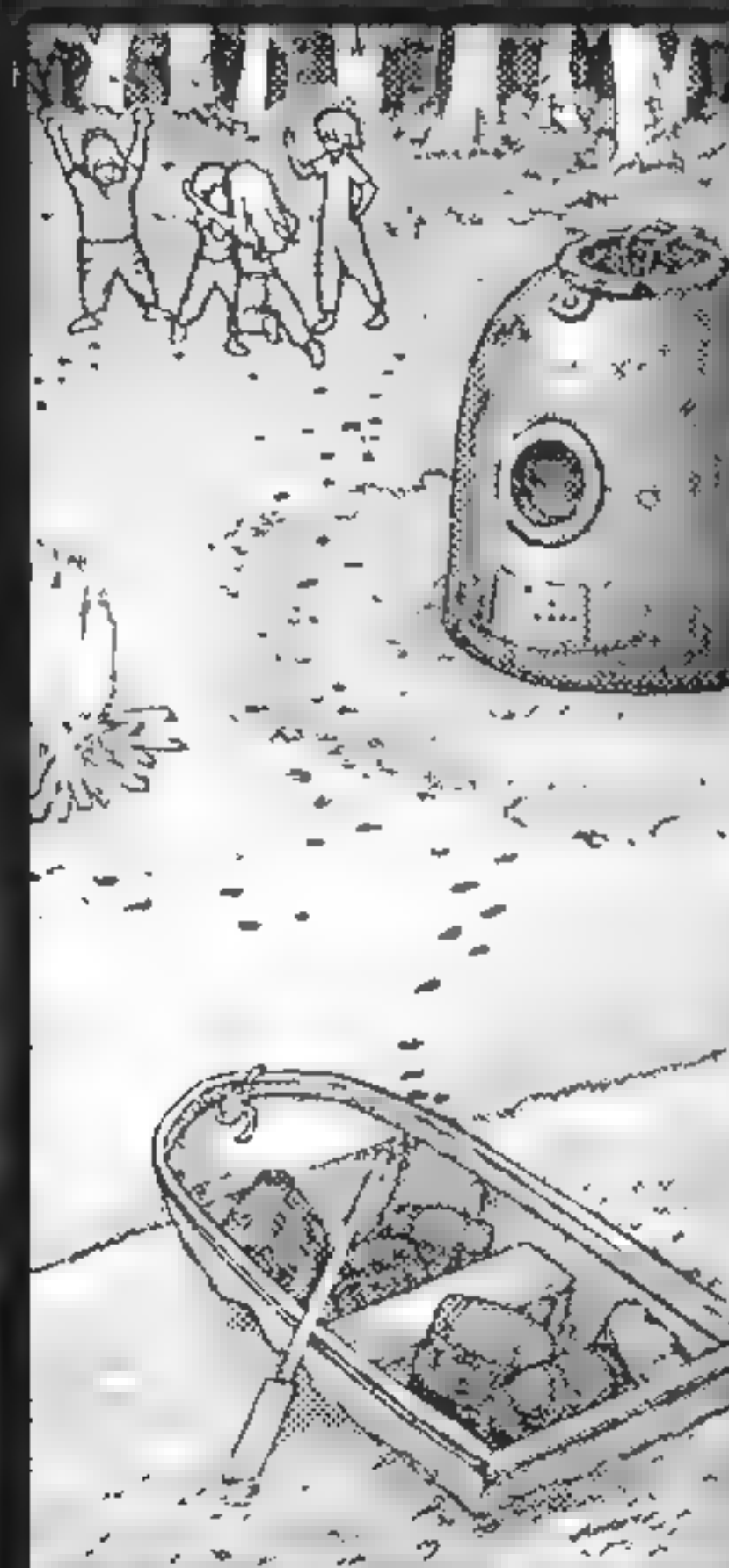
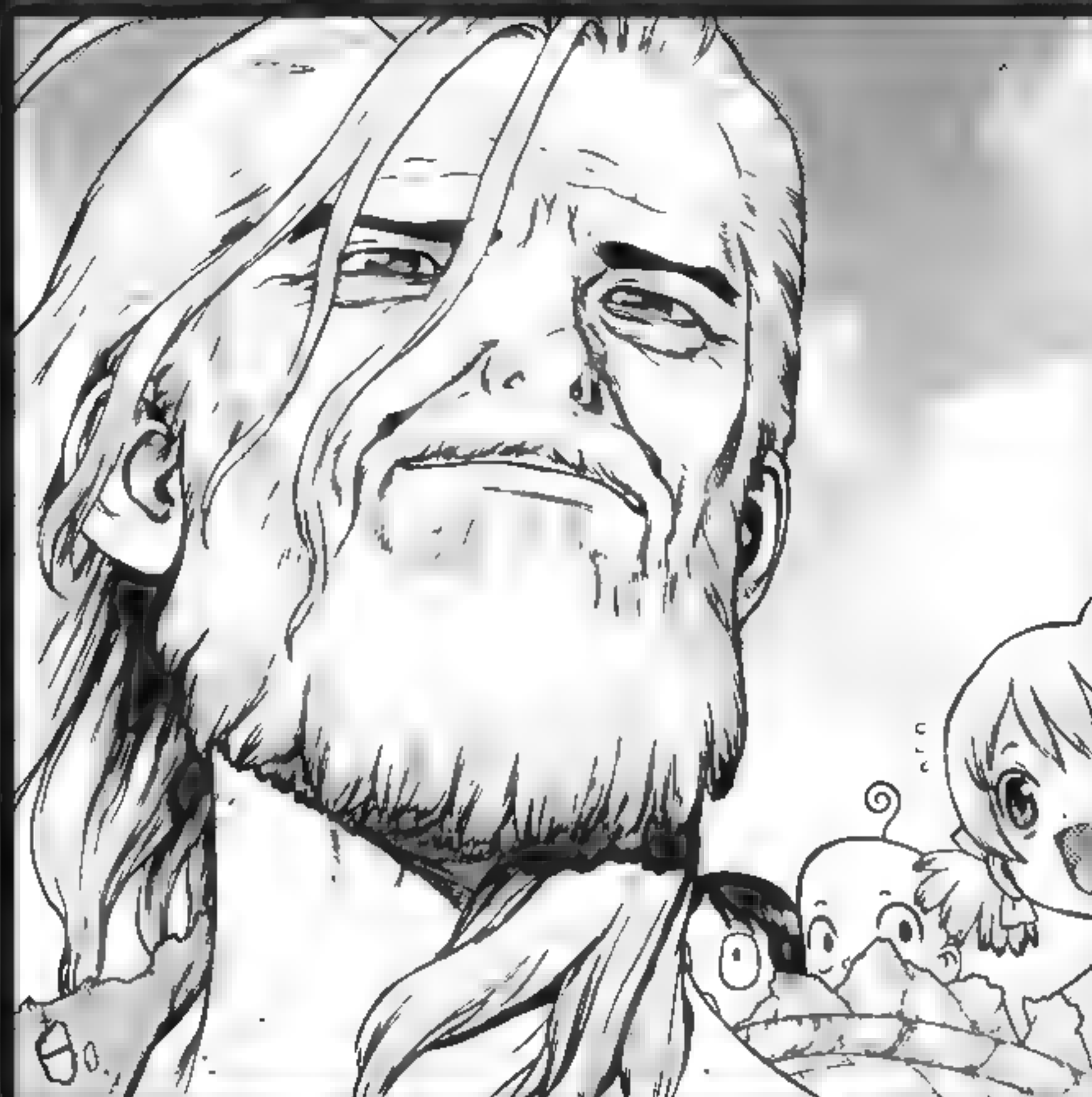
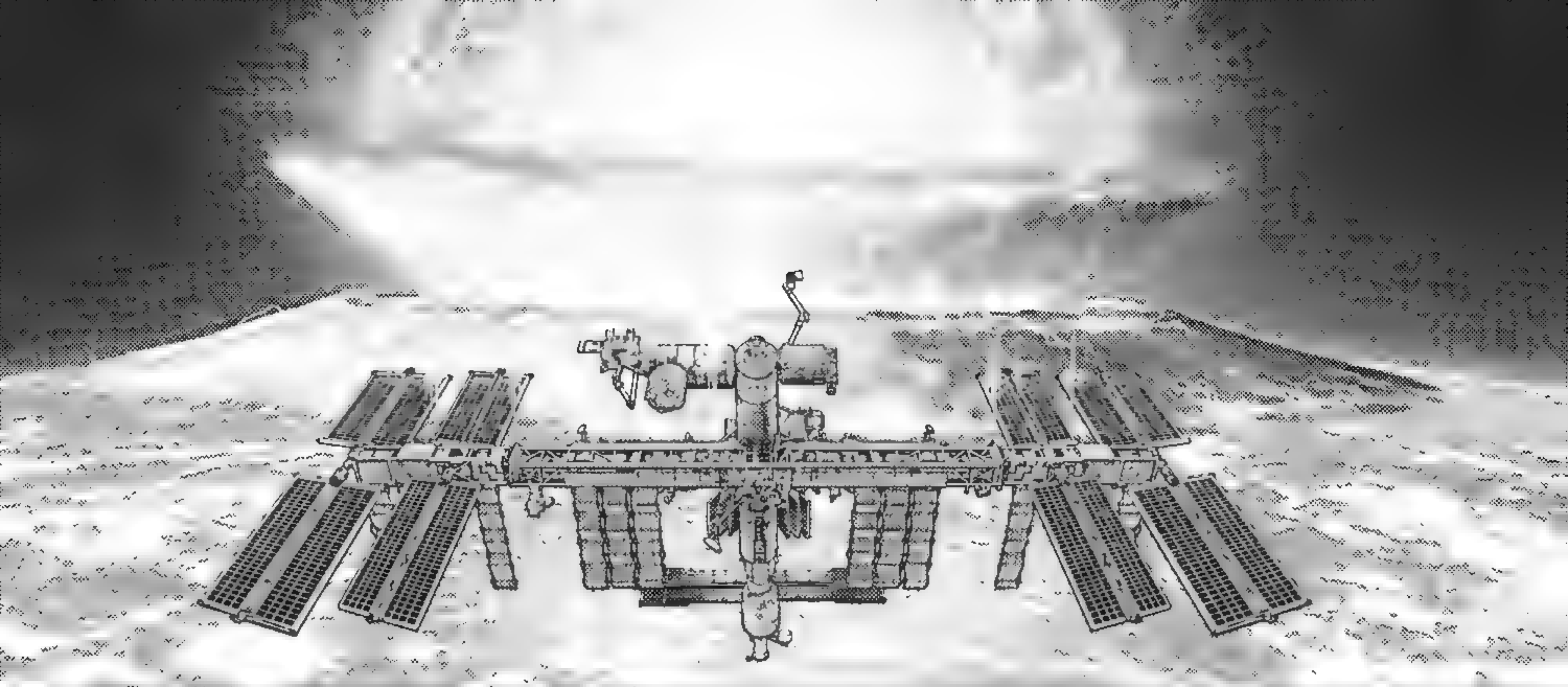
\*AN EXTERNAL CORROSION AGENT CAN  
SPEED UP THE REMOVAL PROCESS

THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS  
WOULD  
THEN NOT  
BE ABLE TO  
RESIST...

...THE  
ALLURE OF  
ETERNAL  
LIFE.







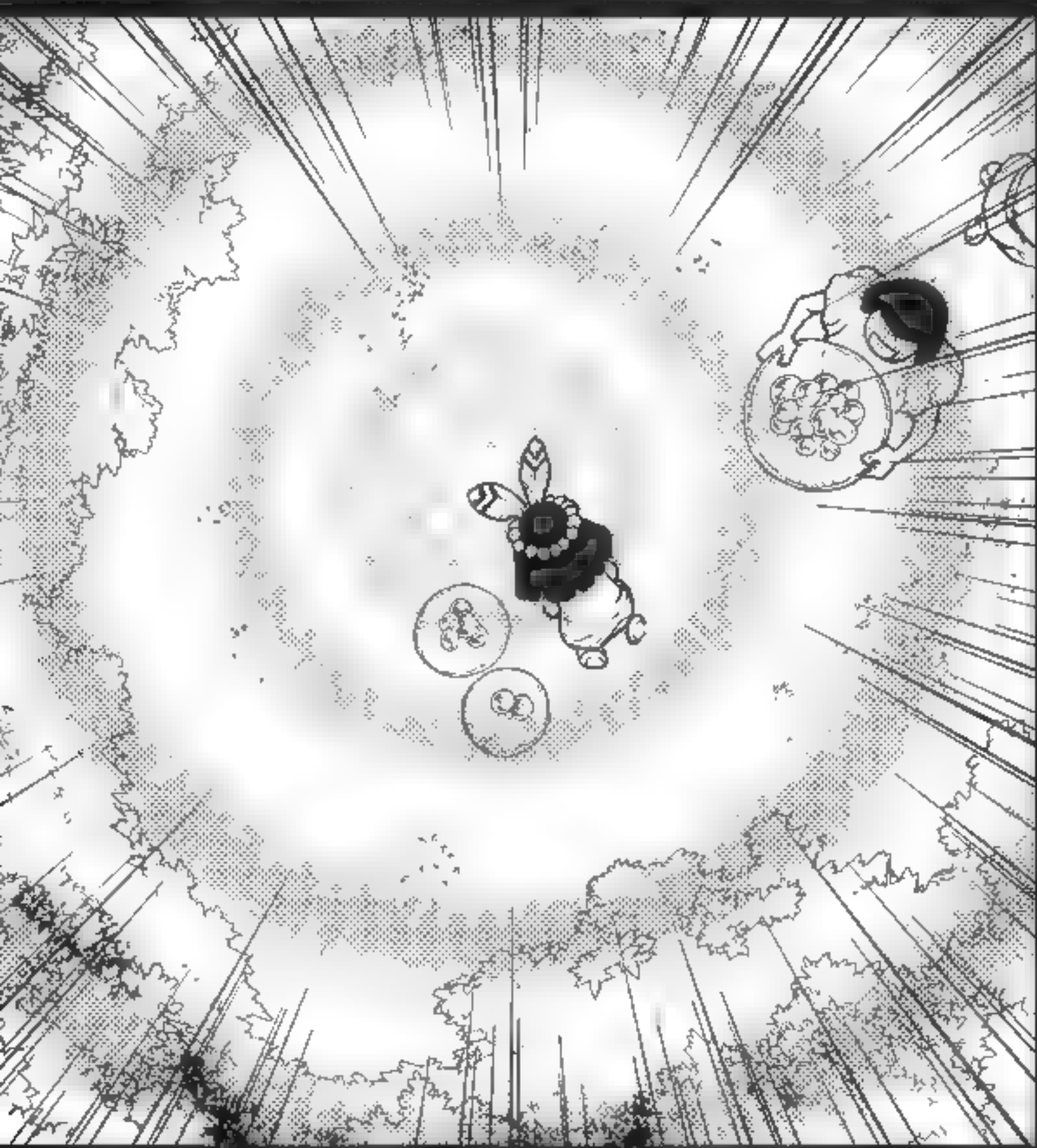
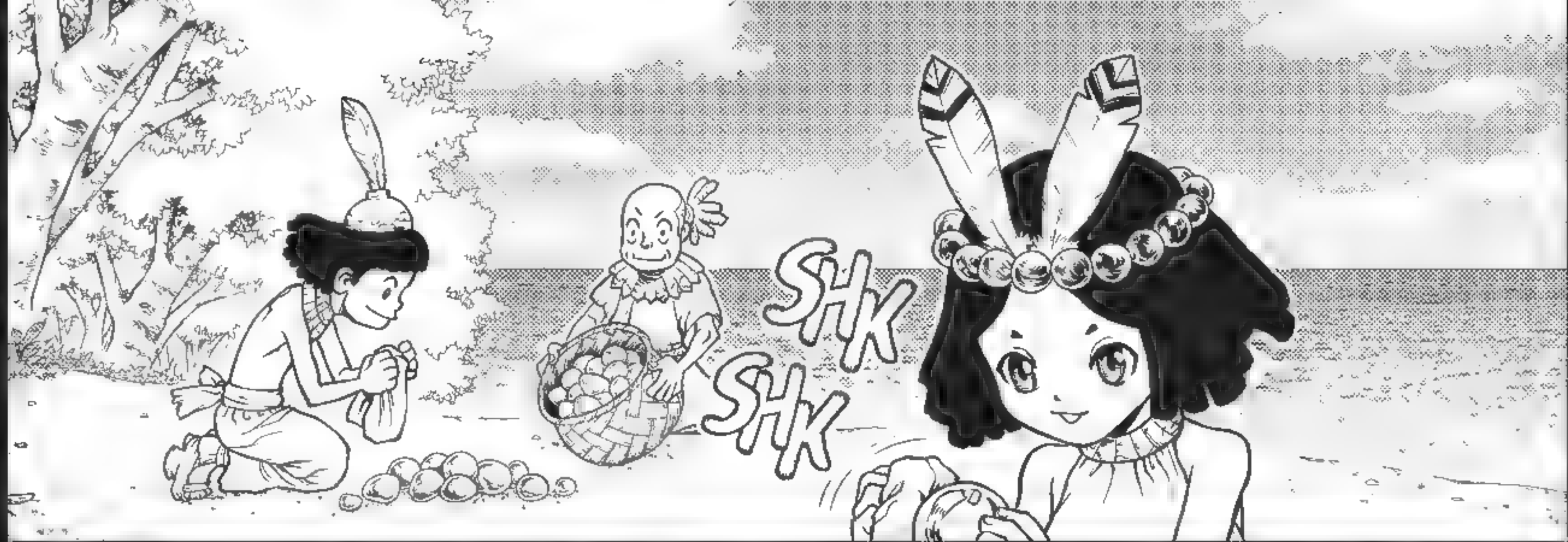
ABOUT  
3,000  
YEARS  
LATER...

SPLASH

SPLASH



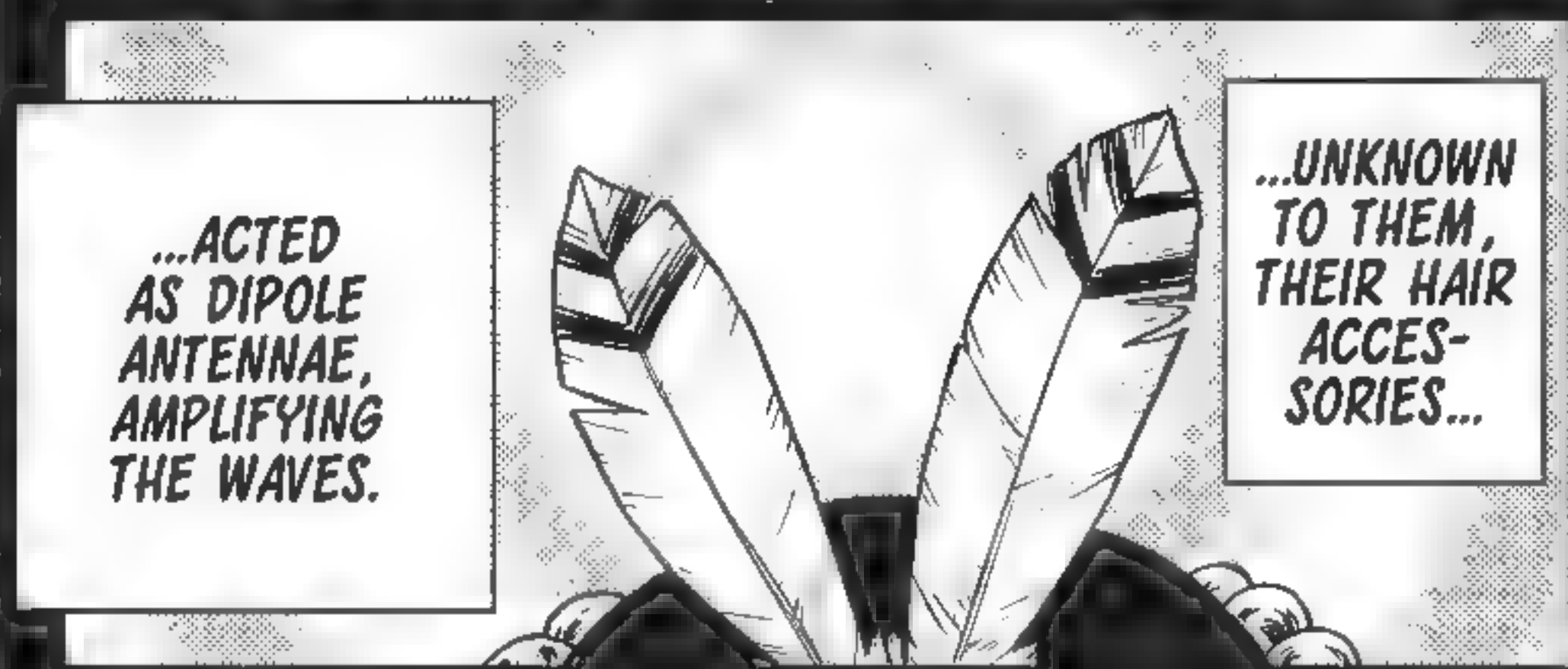




NORMALLY  
TOO MINOR  
TO DETECT,  
BUT...

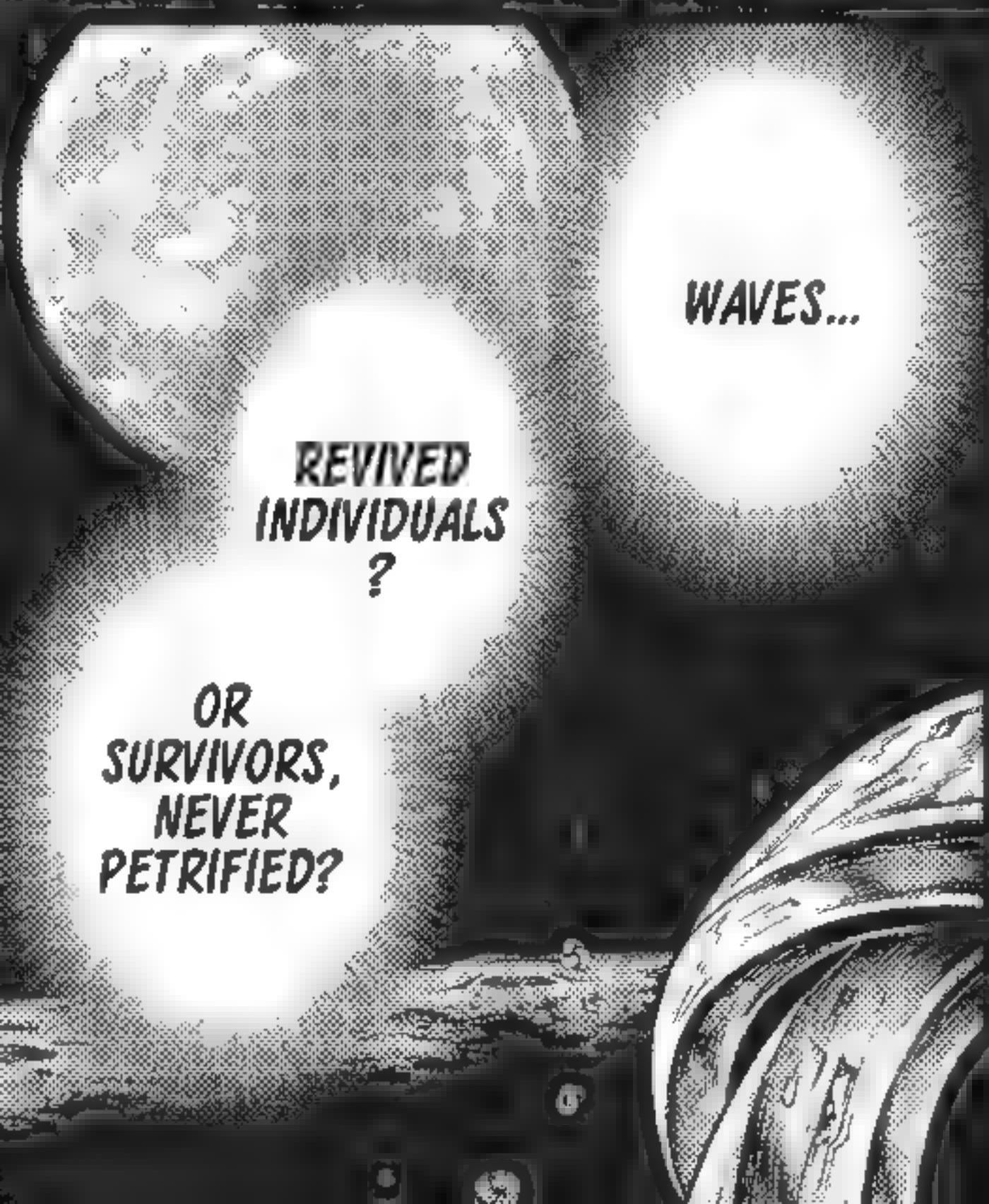
THE PEOPLE  
OF TREASURE  
ISLAND...

...PRODUCED  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
WAVES WITH  
REGULARITY BY  
POLISHING ORES.



...ACTED  
AS DIPOLE  
ANTENNAE,  
AMPLIFYING  
THE WAVES.

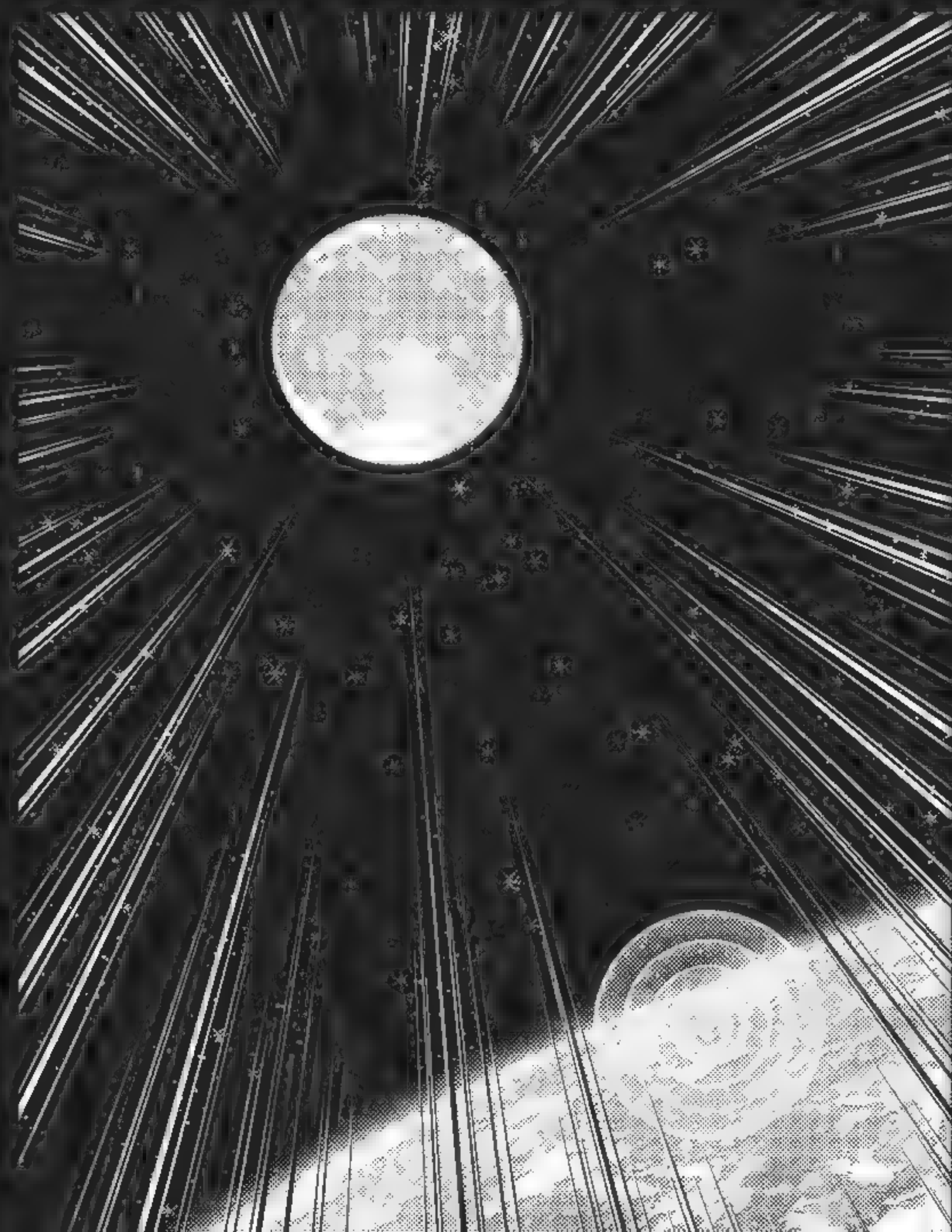
...UNKNOWN  
TO THEM,  
THEIR HAIR  
ACCESS-  
ORIES...



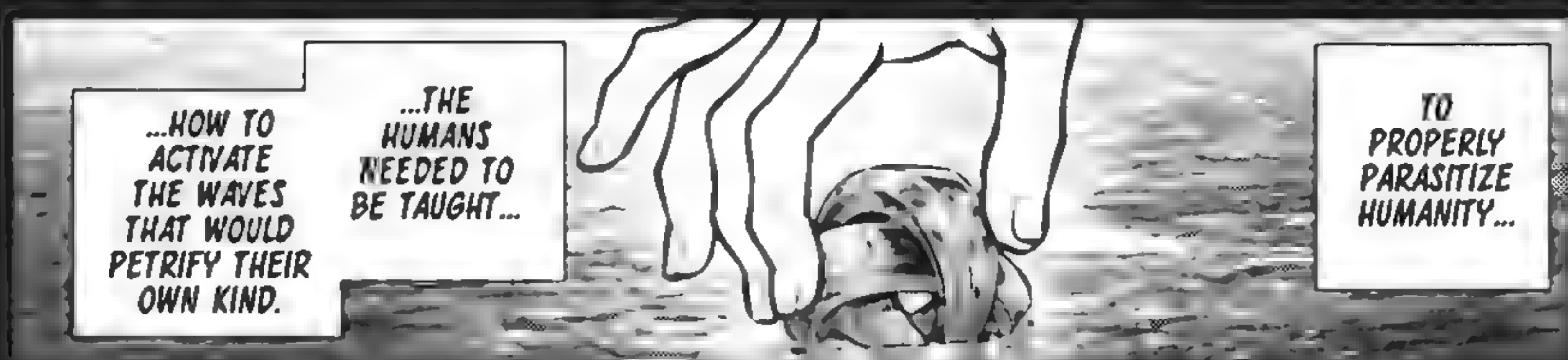
WAVES...

REVIVED  
INDIVIDUALS  
?

OR  
SURVIVORS,  
NEVER  
PETRIFIED?











...BEGAN  
TO HAVE  
DOUBTS.

THE  
DEVICES...

THEY VIEW  
ETERNAL  
LIFE AS AN  
IRRESISTIBLE  
OFFER.

MOST  
LIKELY,  
THESE  
BEINGS...

...HAVE NO  
CONCEPT OF  
NEGOTIATION.

THIS IS  
LOOKING  
DIRE.







"DESPITE  
ETERNAL  
LIFE..."

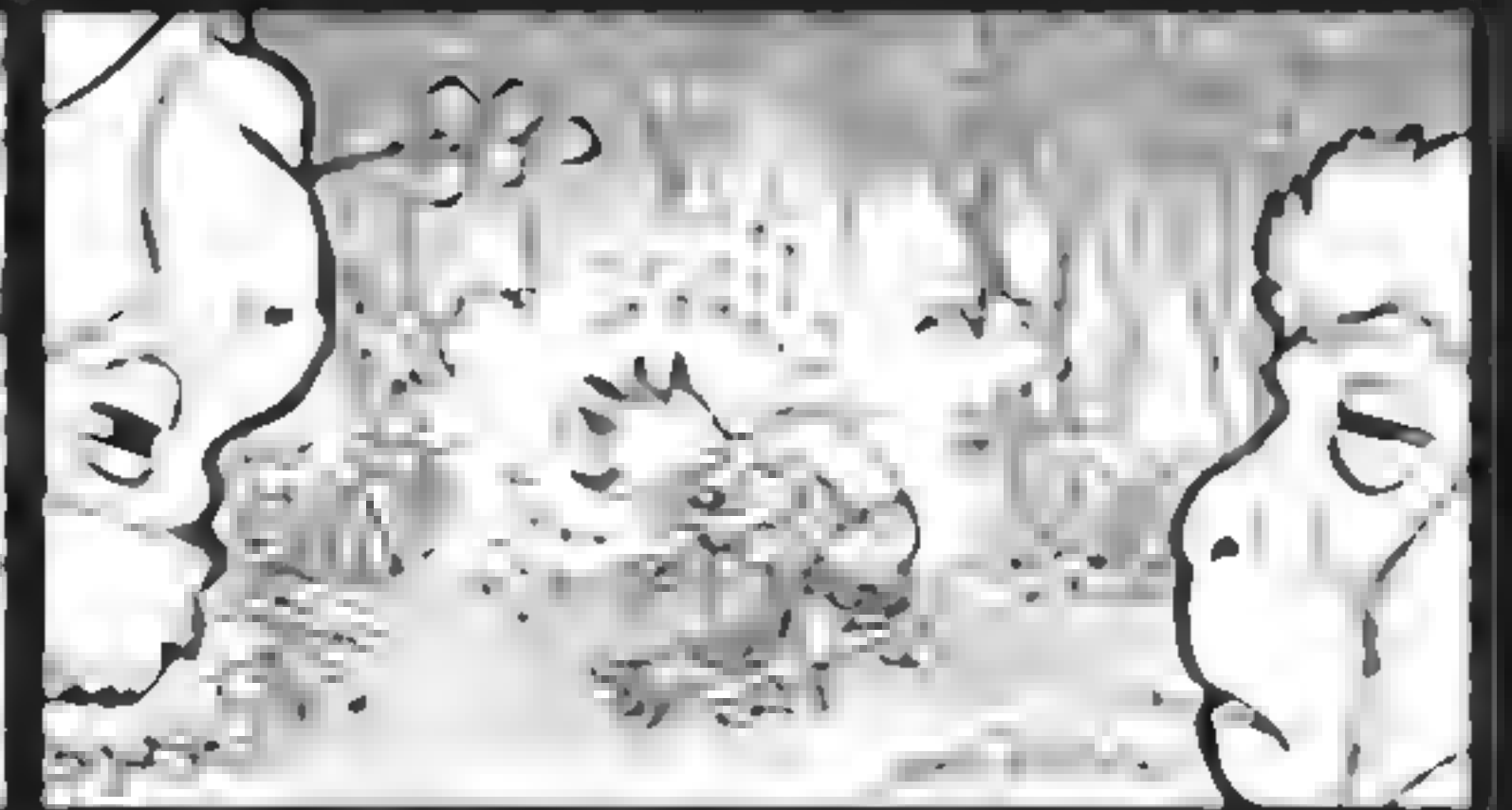
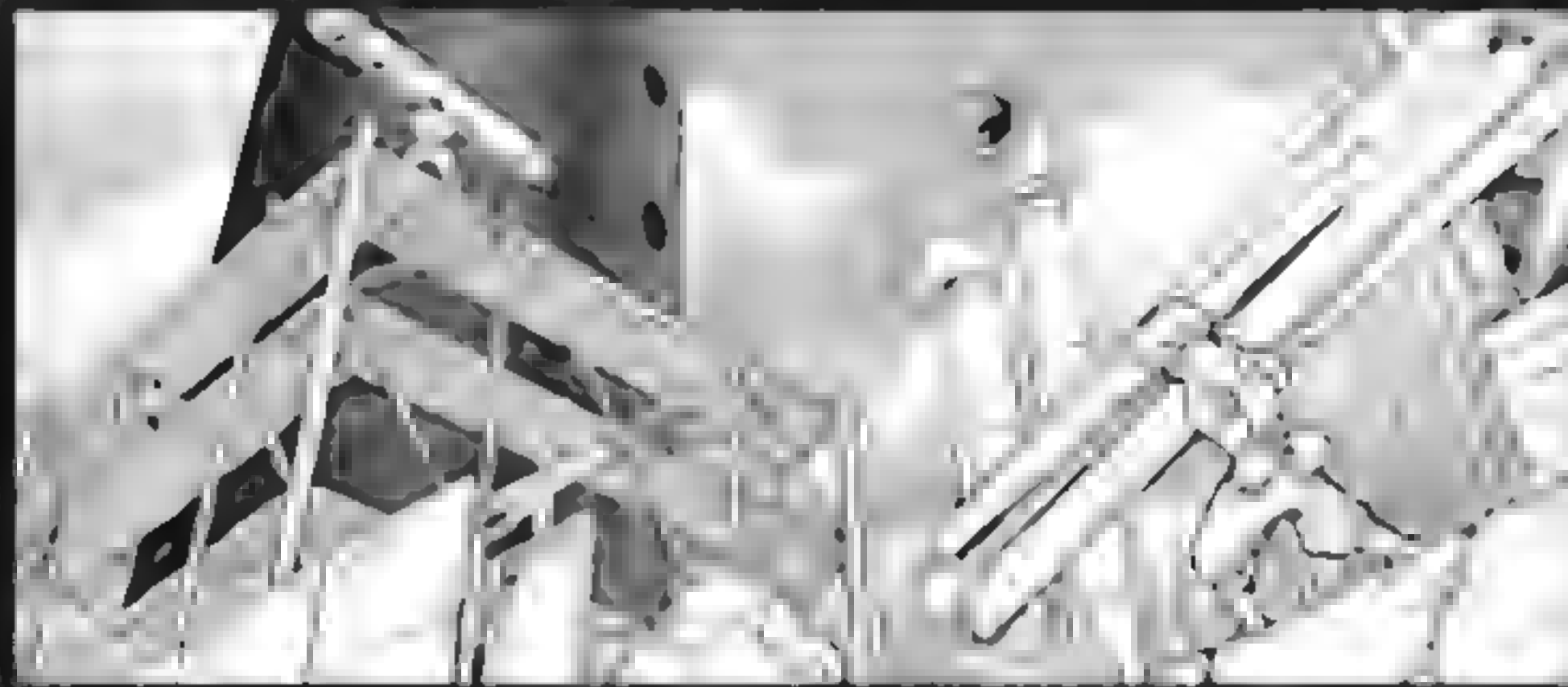
"...THE BEINGS  
REMAIN  
PETRIFIED,  
NEVER DYING,  
BUT TAKING  
NO FURTHER  
ACTION."

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**D  
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P**











FAR FROM  
BEING ABLE TO  
PRODUCE MORE  
OF THEM...

...HUMANITY  
COULD NOT  
SO MUCH  
AS REPLACE  
THEIR  
BATTERIES.

THEY  
SHOWED NO  
INCLINATION  
TOWARD  
CULTIVATING  
THE  
DEVICES.



WERE THEY  
JUST AN  
INFERIOR  
SPECIES?

THEY EMIT  
ONLY MINOR  
ELECTRO-  
MAGNETIC  
WAVES.

PERHAPS  
HUMANITY  
LACKED THE  
NECESSARY  
INTELLIGENCE?


WERE  
THEY THE  
INCORRECT  
SPECIES TO  
PARASITIZE?



IT'LL  
SHOOT OUT  
CRAZY-  
STRONG  
RADIO  
WAVES!

WE'RE  
MAKING  
GPS!





WHY DO  
THEY NOT  
PURSUE  
ETERNAL  
LIFE?

WHY DO  
THEY NOT  
YEARN  
TO BE  
PETRIFIED?



**WHY?!**

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!

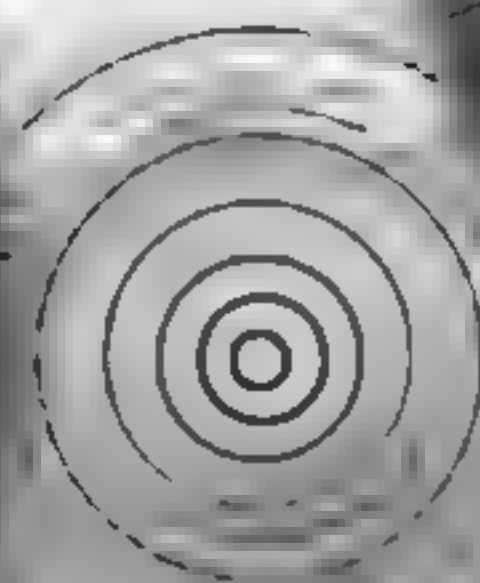


THEY DO  
NOT LACK  
INTELLIGENCE.

THEY ARE  
CAPABLE...

...OF  
PRODUCING  
STRONG  
ELECTRO-  
MAGNETIC  
WAVES.

AND  
YET...





THAT  
DAY...

HEY.

...WAS THE  
OPENING...

...OF  
HUMANITY'S  
NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH  
WHY-MAN.

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
I'VE BEEN  
DYING TO  
MEETCHA.

WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY





MECHA  
SENKU

# Q & A

SEARCH

Question Corner

**Kohaku is strong, cool, and cute!  
I admire her so much!  
Kohaku—please be my friend!!**

M.S. from Tochigi Prefecture

SEARCH

Kohaku is neither particularly social, nor especially aloof. She is automatically wary of any new person at first.

She only despises truly bad people. Once she has determined you are not bad, she'll be ready to be your friend, hard and fast!



## Sociable Types



Chelsea



Ryusui



Taiju



Yo



Byakuya

## Aloof Types



Kinro



Sai



Kirisame




Homura



Stanley





**...MUST  
INEVITABLY  
FACE  
DEATH.**

**ALL  
LIFE...**

**Z=230: Human**



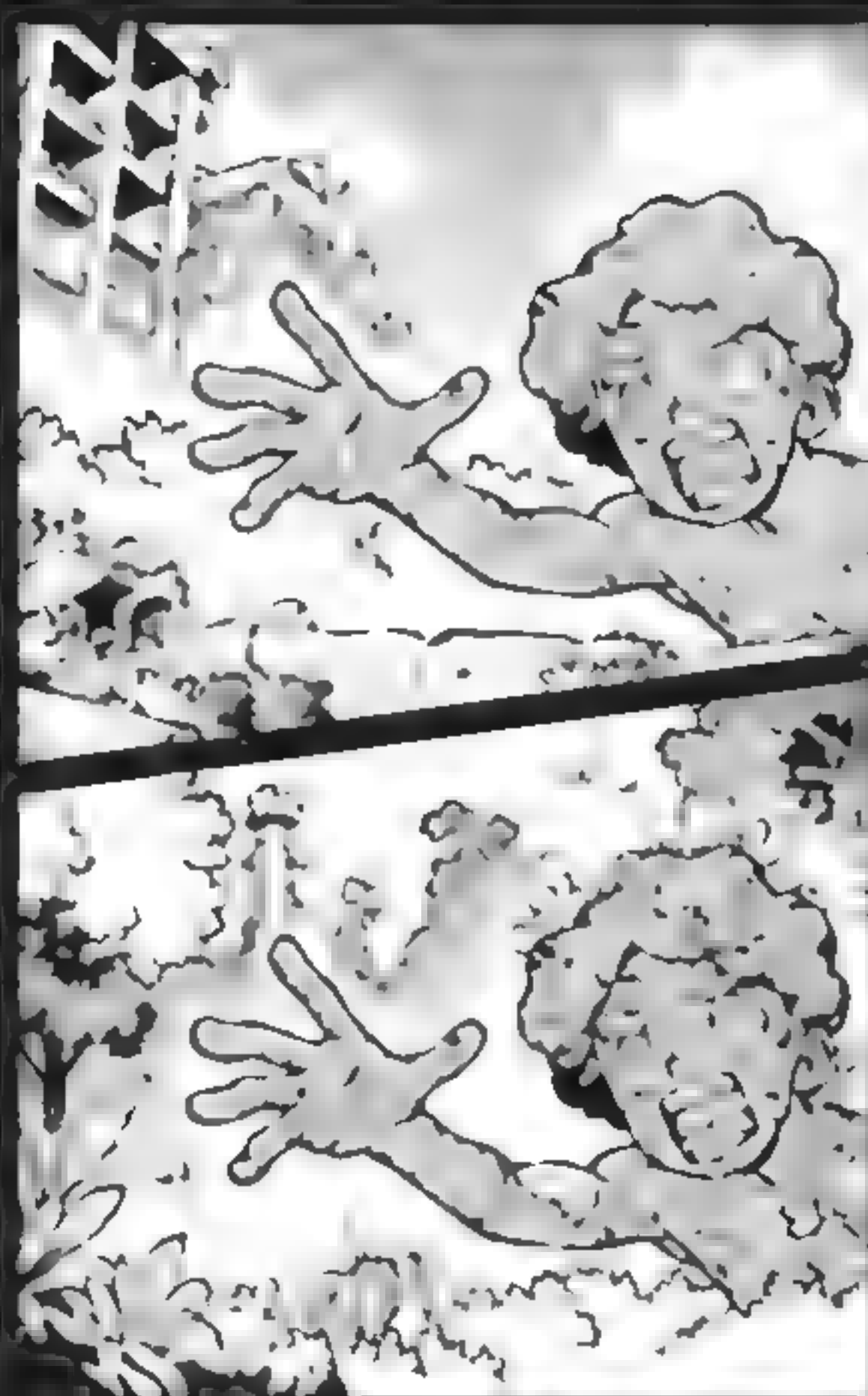


AND THE  
WHY-MEN  
ARE NO  
EXCEPTION.



THESE  
LIVES...

...NOW  
FADE.



...OXYGEN IS  
POISONOUS.

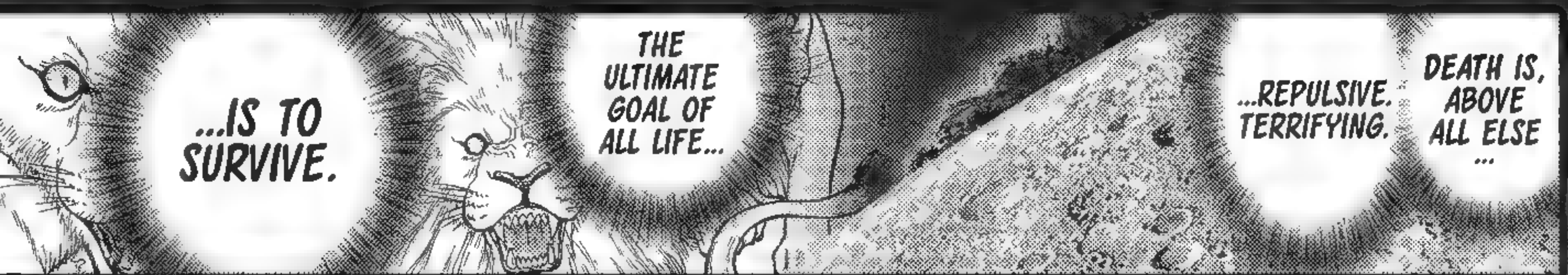
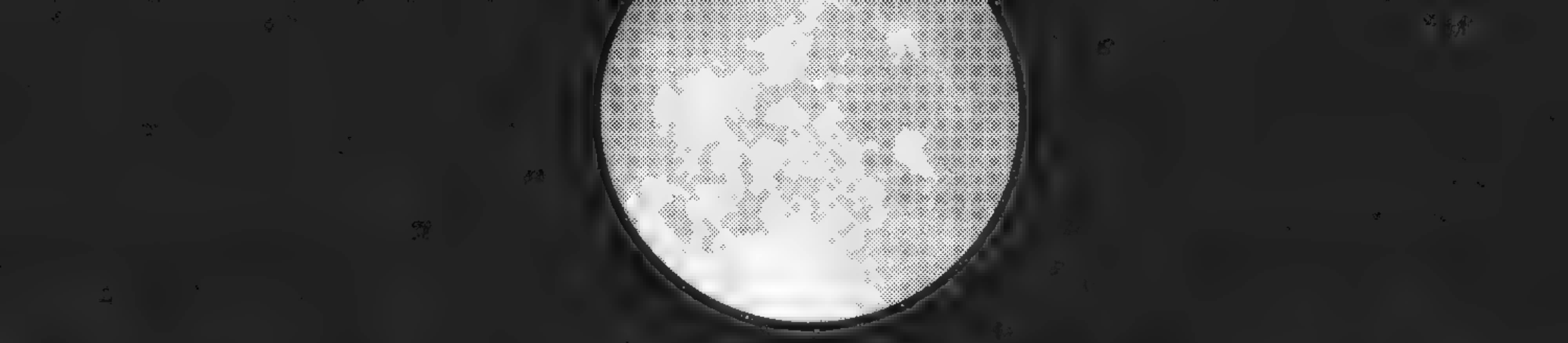
FOR THOSE  
PETRIFICA-  
TION  
DEVICES...

OR, IN  
SIMPLER  
TERMS,  
THEY  
RUST.

THEIR  
MECHANICAL  
GUTS  
EVENTUALLY  
OXIDIZE.







...IS TO  
SURVIVE.

THE  
ULTIMATE  
GOAL OF  
ALL LIFE...

...REPULSIVE.  
TERRIFYING.

DEATH IS,  
ABOVE  
ALL ELSE  
...



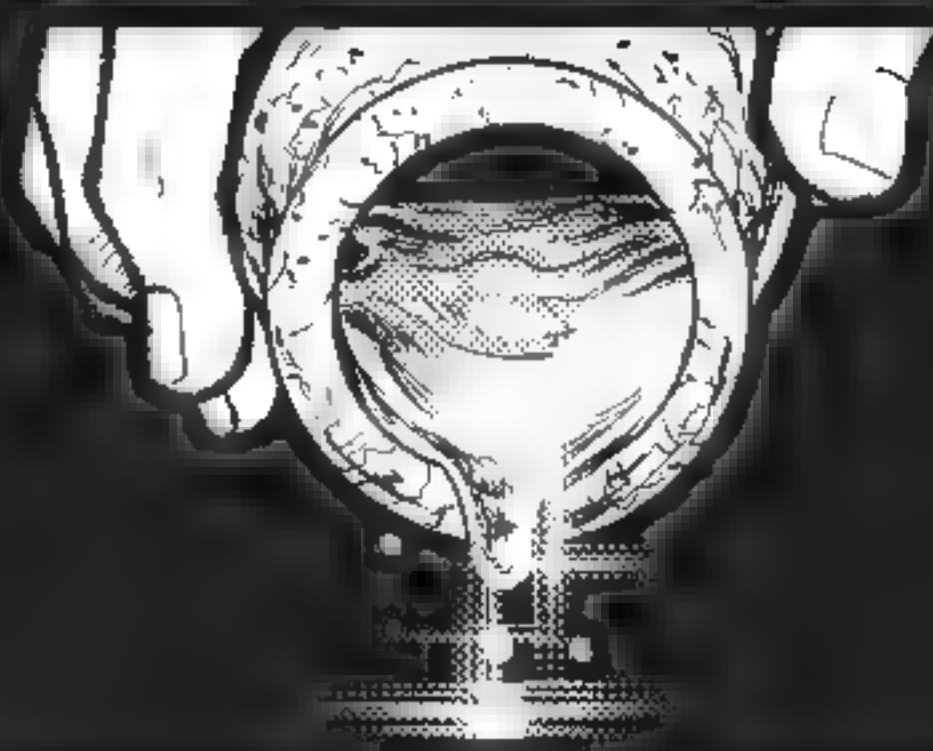
SUCH  
WAS THE  
EXPECTATION.

NOTHING  
COULD  
BE MORE  
WONDERFUL!

...AN  
ETERNAL  
ESCAPE  
FROM  
DEATH'S  
GRIP.

PETRI-  
FICATION  
GRANTS  
THEM...

...THEY  
REJECT  
THE  
STONE.

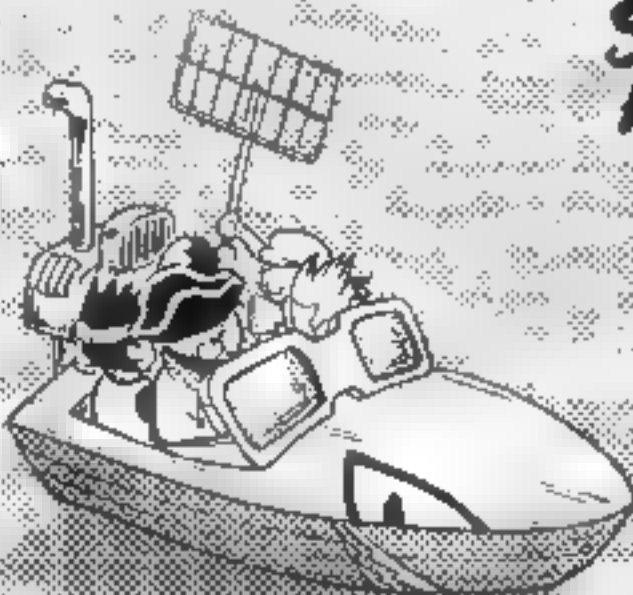


AND  
YET...





SPLASH



SPLASH

...THE  
ENTICING  
ALLURE OF  
ETERNAL LIFE.

THE  
PARASITES  
OFFERED...

...THERE  
WAS NO  
CONCEPT OF  
NEGOTIATION.

FOR THE  
WHY-MEN  
...

BUT THEY  
COULD  
EMPLOY  
LOGIC.

...IS NOT  
YET AWARE OF  
THE DEVICES'  
EXISTENCE.  
OF OUR  
EXISTENCE.

IT  
SEEMS THIS  
PARTICULAR  
POPULA-  
TION...



**Z=230: Human**



THEN  
THE SAME  
METHOD  
WILL BE  
EMPLOYED.

<ONE  
SECOND.>

<FIVE  
METERS.>

WHEN THEIR  
PLANET IS  
ENVELOPED...

NO...

N...

SPLASH

SPLASH

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AT  
THE SAME  
FREQUENCY.

...THEY WILL  
KNOW THE  
GLORY...

WITH  
THE SAME  
VOICE.

FWOON


THE  
PETRIFYING  
WAVE...

...WAS  
VOICE-  
ACTIVATED...

...VIA  
RADIO  
WAVES?!

...OF  
PETRIFICA-  
TION!





THE ENTIRE  
EARTH WAS  
ONCE AGAIN  
ENCIRCLED BY  
THE PETRI-  
BEAM...

...AND  
THE WHY-  
MEN FELT  
A GREAT  
RELIEF.

<12,800,000  
METERS.>

<ONE  
SECOND.>

FW  
OOO  
OOO  
OOO  
NOO

<12,800,000 METERS.>

<ONE SECOND.>

...SENKU'S  
VOICE?!

WHY-MAN'S  
MESSAGE  
IS BEING  
SPOKEN  
WITH...

IT'S A  
SYNTHETIC  
VOICE.

...THE  
GLORY OF  
PETRIFICATION.

...HAD  
FINALLY  
COME TO  
UNDERSTAND...

THE  
PLANET'S  
MOST  
INTELLIGENT  
LIFE-FORM...

"SUCCESS!"  
THEY  
THOUGHT.



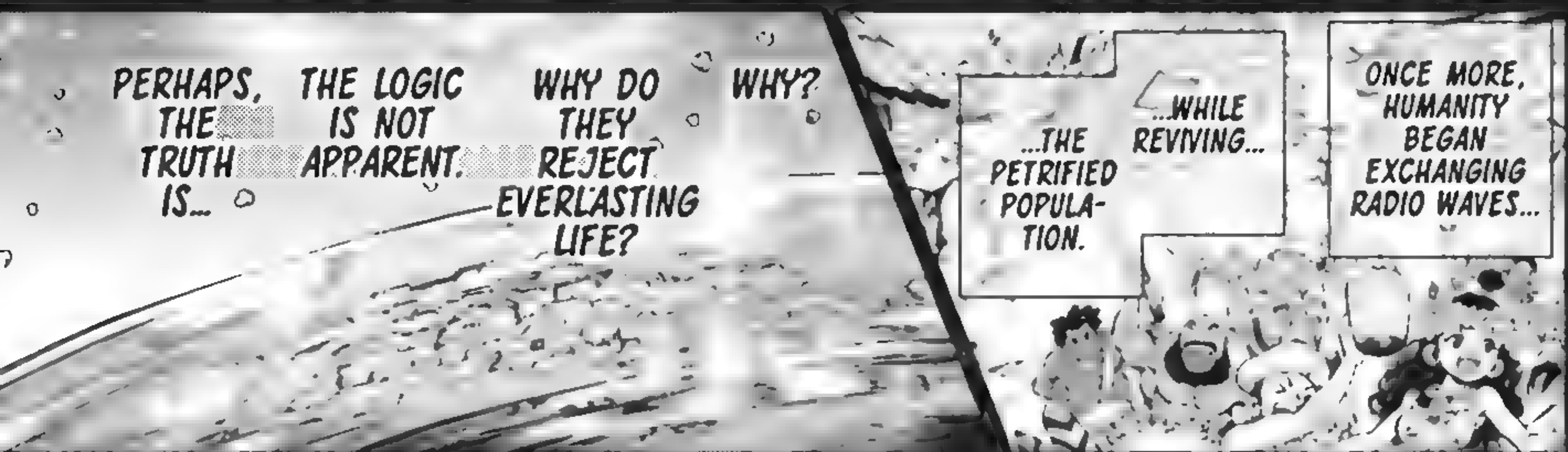


OUR  
OWN  
FORBIDDEN  
FRUIT.

...IS A  
TABOO NOT  
MEANT FOR  
HUMANITY.

ETERNAL  
LIFE...

WHY-  
MAN'S DR  
STONE...



PERHAPS, THE LOGIC  
THE TRUTH IS NOT  
APPARENT.

WHY DO  
THEY  
REJECT  
EVERLASTING  
LIFE?

WHY?

...THE  
PETRIFIED  
POPULA-  
TION.

...WHILE  
REVIVING...

ONCE MORE,  
HUMANITY  
BEGAN  
EXCHANGING  
RADIO WAVES...



<DO YOU  
WANNA DIE?>



KR  
EEK



FS

A VACUUM  
TUBE  
FOR THE  
MEDUSA?



MOBILITY  
RESTORED!!

THE  
OXYGEN  
HAS  
VANISHED.

THE  
POISON  
IS  
GONE.

WHERE  
IS THIS?

MUST  
UNLEASH THE  
PETRIFYING  
WAVE...

...TO  
INFORM THE  
INTELLIGENT  
LIFE-FORMS...  
...OF OUR  
EXISTENCE...

RAT  
RAT

RAT  
RAT

RAT  
RAT

KRAK  
KRAK





OF  
COURSE.

THAT  
WASN'T A  
MISFIRE  
AFTER  
ALL...

ACCURATE...

THAT  
IS.

BUT  
RATHER AN  
INTENTIONAL  
ACT, RIGHT,  
WHY-MAN?











WHY SHOOT YOUR OWN PLAN IN THE FOOT LIKE THAT?

...TO REPLACE YOUR BATTERIES AND CREATE MORE OF YOU.

I GET IT. YOU WANT US TO USE OUR SCIENCE...

BUT BY SEALING HUMANITY IN STONE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

...YOU DESTROYED SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION, WHICH WAS KEY TO THE WHOLE OPERATION!

INITIAL EXPECTATIONS OF INTELLIGENCE WERE NOT MET.

STONE IS UNDONE FASTER BY HIGH BRAIN ACTIVITY.

YET THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO AWAKEN WERE REQUIRED.

?

IT MEANS THE MOON.

UPON ARRIVAL ON THIS SATELLITE...

...DISCOVERY OF ABANDONED SPACE TRAVEL EQUIPMENT.

IMPLICATION OF INTELLIGENT LIFE FROM THAT ALONE.

MAYBE OUR SCIENCE...

...IS LAGGING BEHIND A LITTLE.

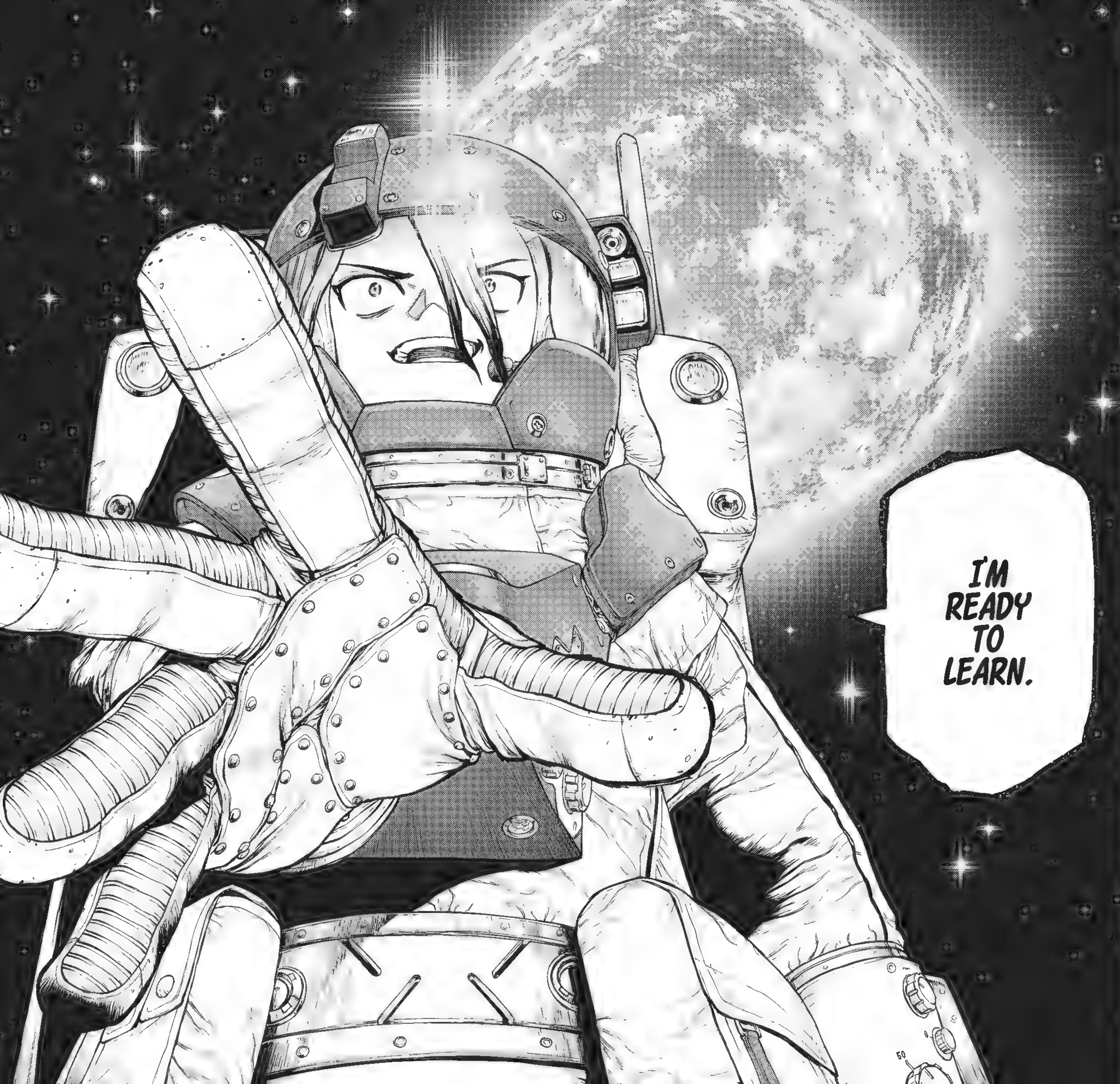
SURE.

THEY'RE SIMPLY EXPLAINING THE TRUTH IN THEIR OWN WAY.

ANGER AND INDIGNATION WON'T HELP US.

GRRR





**I'M  
READY  
TO  
LEARN.**

HOW DO  
YOU FLOAT  
AROUND  
LIKE THAT?  
I DON'T GOT  
A CLUE.

LIKE,  
HOW ARE  
YOU GUYS  
DEFYING  
GRAVITY?

**BUT!**

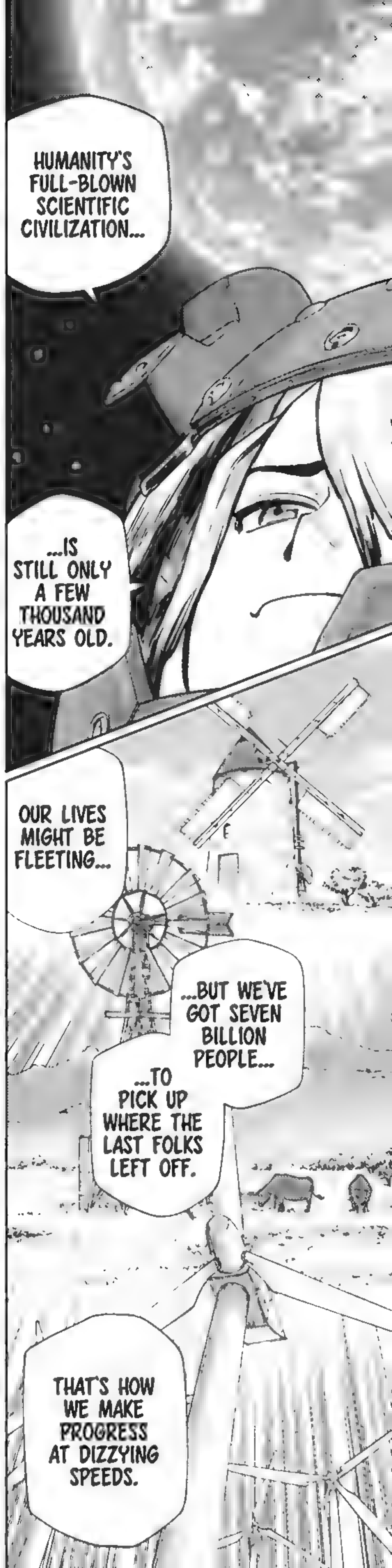




ON THAT  
NOTE,  
WHY-MAN...

...I WANNA  
NEGOTIATE.

JUST YOU  
AND ME.  
FACE-TO-  
FACE.



HUMANITY'S  
FULL-BLOWN  
SCIENTIFIC  
CIVILIZATION...

...IS  
STILL ONLY  
A FEW  
THOUSAND  
YEARS OLD.

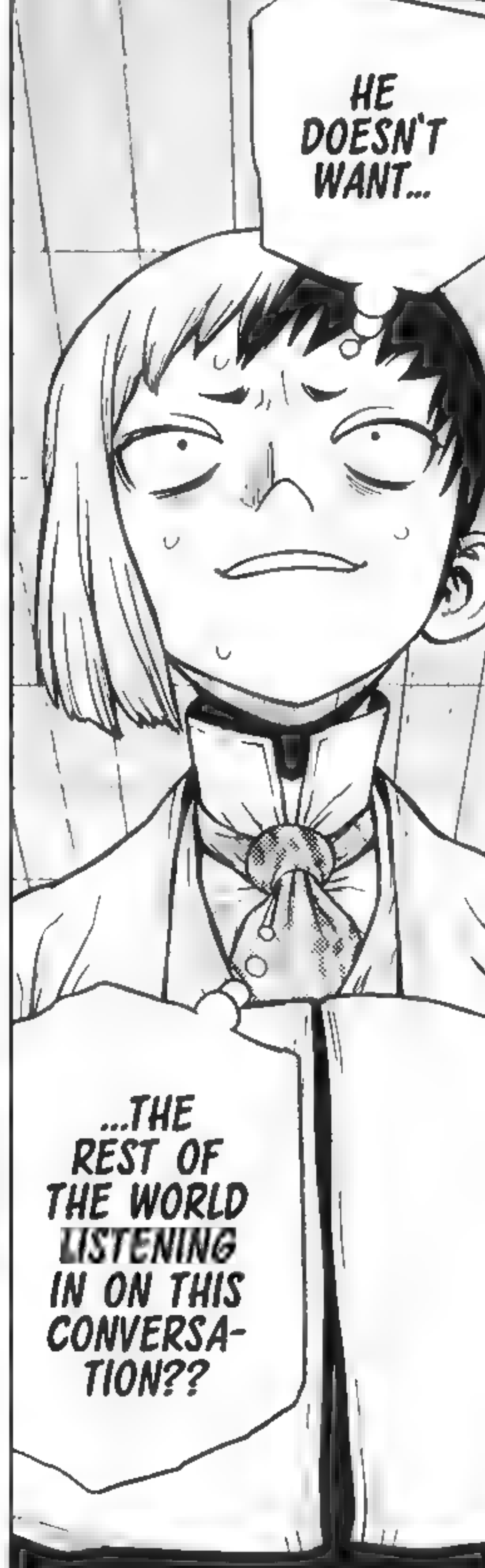
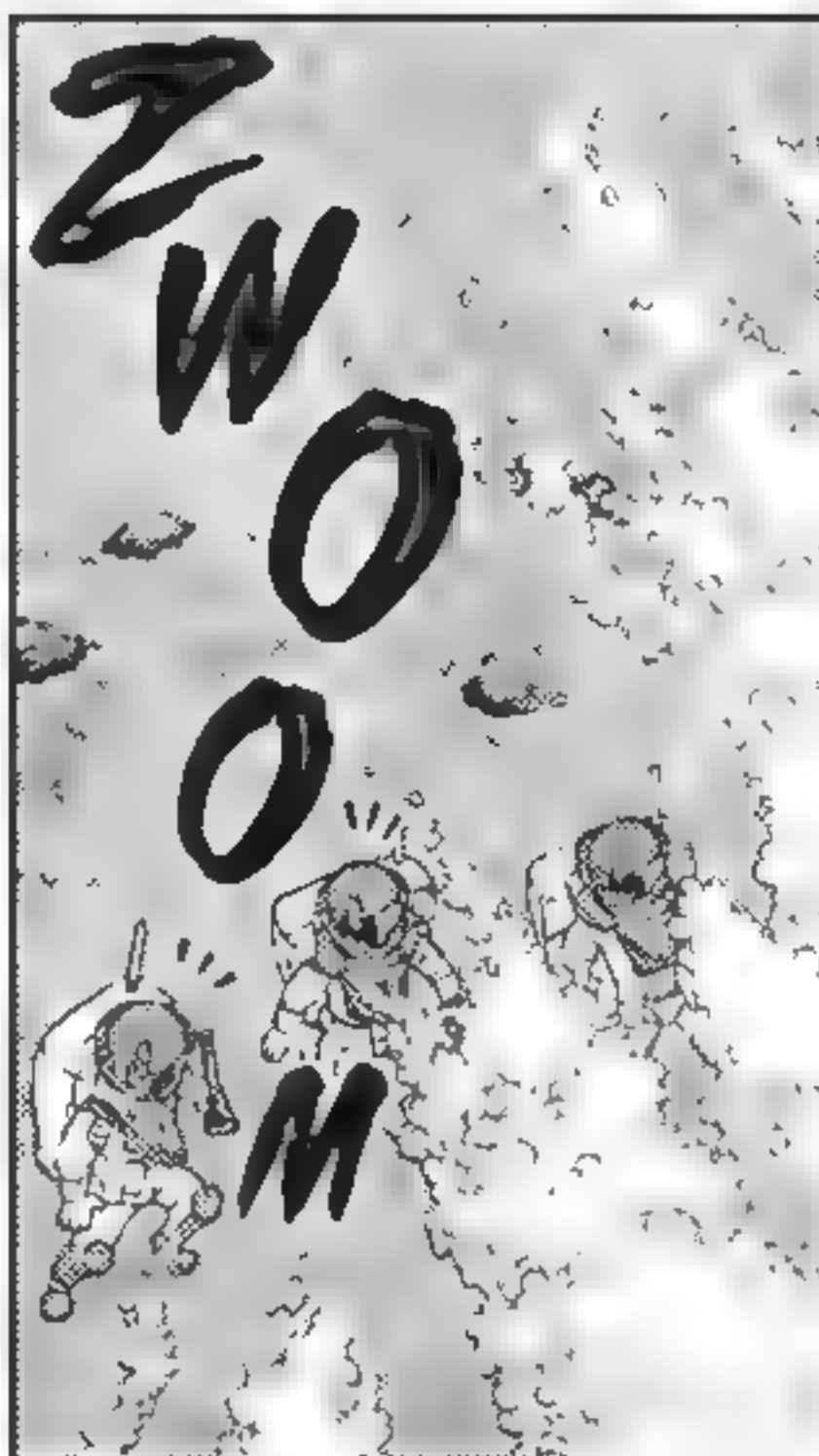
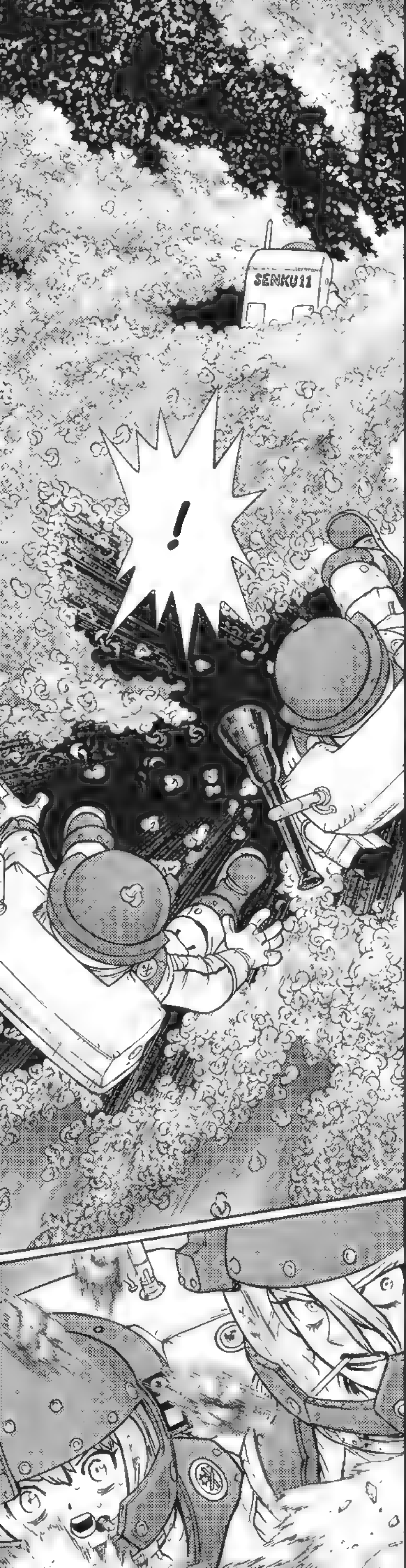
OUR LIVES  
MIGHT BE  
FLEETING...

...BUT WE'VE  
GOT SEVEN  
BILLION  
PEOPLE...

...TO  
PICK UP  
WHERE THE  
LAST FOLKS  
LEFT OFF.

THAT'S HOW  
WE MAKE  
PROGRESS  
AT DIZZYING  
SPEEDS.











THE WHOLE  
UNIVERSE...

THE  
DEVICES'  
SURFACES  
ABSORB THOSE  
WAVES.

THE WHY-MEN  
TRANSMIT  
INFORMATION  
SOLELY THROUGH  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
WAVES.

SO ANY  
TRANSMISSIONS  
WITHIN  
A SEALED  
SPHERE...

...WOULD BE  
CONTAINED AND  
UNAVAILABLE  
TO OUTSIDE  
PARTIES.

...THEN  
WE'VE GOT  
ONE REAL  
SHOT AT  
THIS.

IT'S  
GONNA  
SOUND  
CRAZY, BUT  
HEAR ME  
OUT.

IF YOU  
GUYS ARE  
WILLING...

...TO LEND  
US YOUR  
BODIES...

LEND  
YOU...

...BODIES?

...HAD  
BETTER  
GET  
EXCITED!





# Z=231: A Future to Get Excited About





...THE FORCE  
BEHIND THE  
PETRIFICATION—  
WHY=MAN.

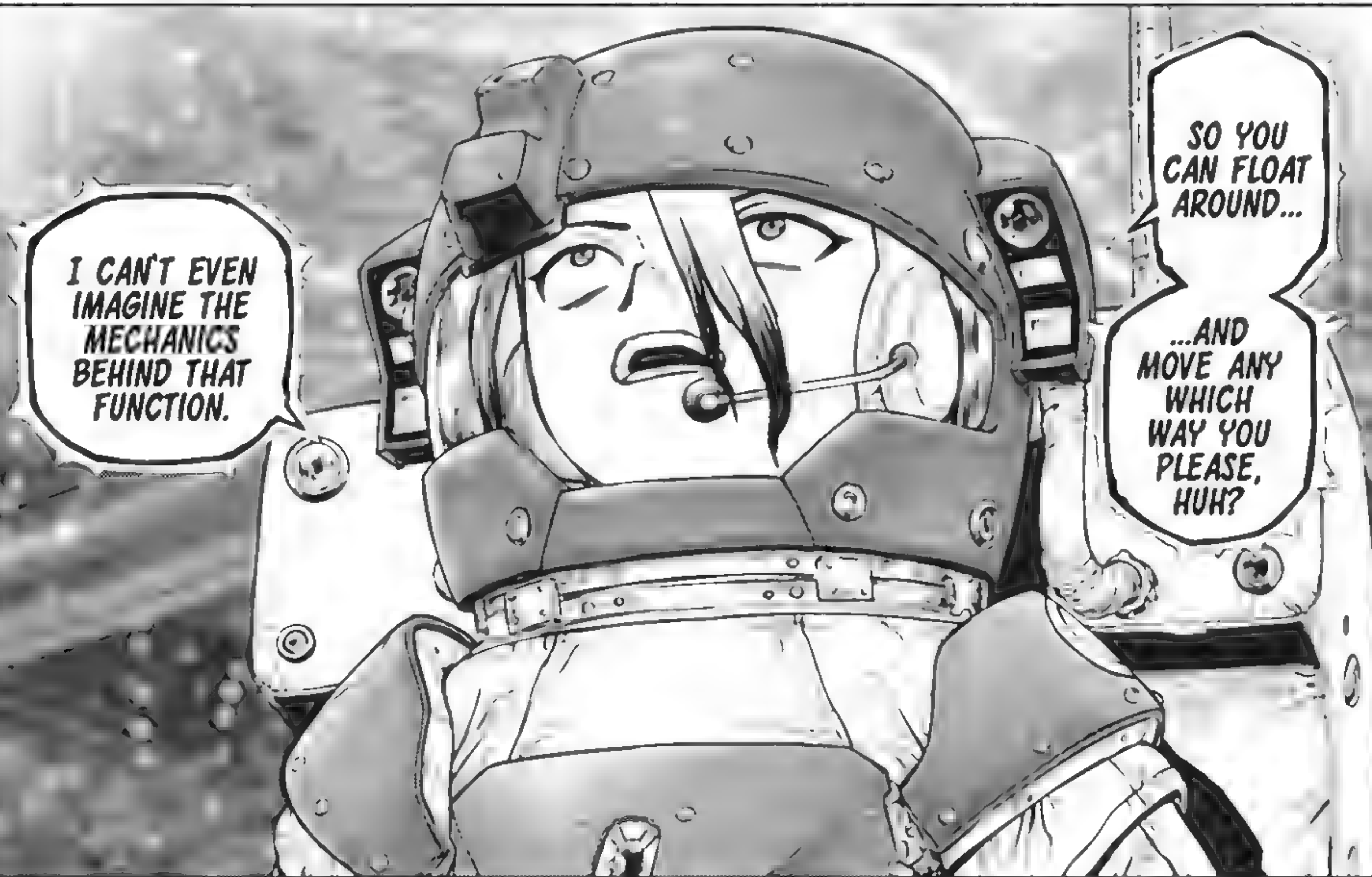
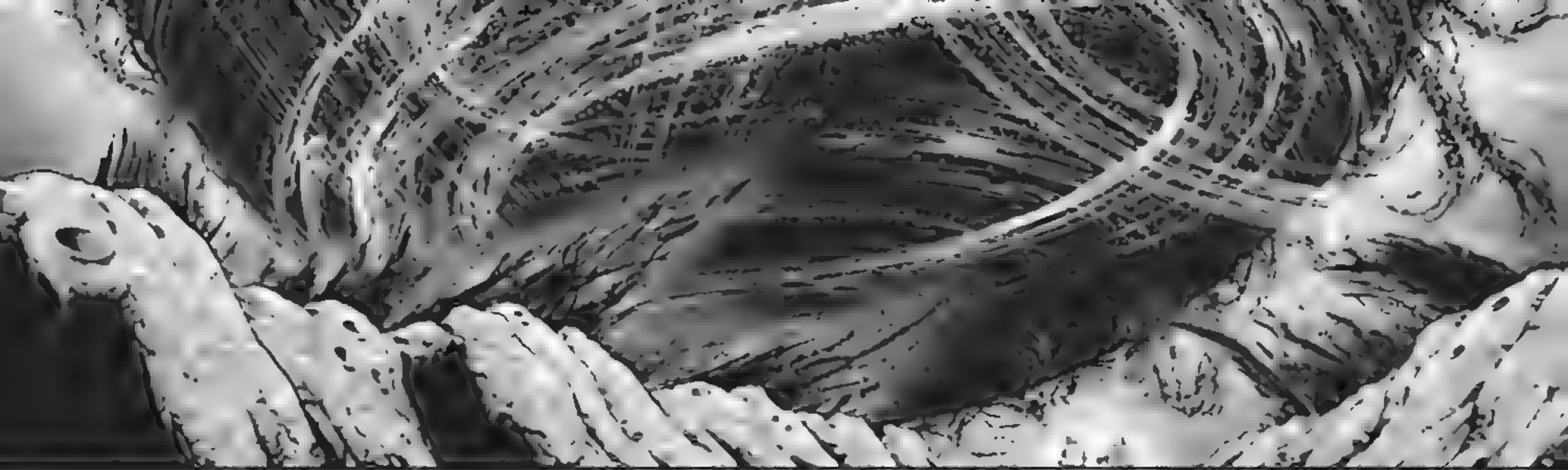
IT'S SENKU  
VERSUS...

...BY THIS  
SHOWDOWN!

THE FATE  
OF ALL OF  
HUMANITY  
WILL BE  
DECIDED...



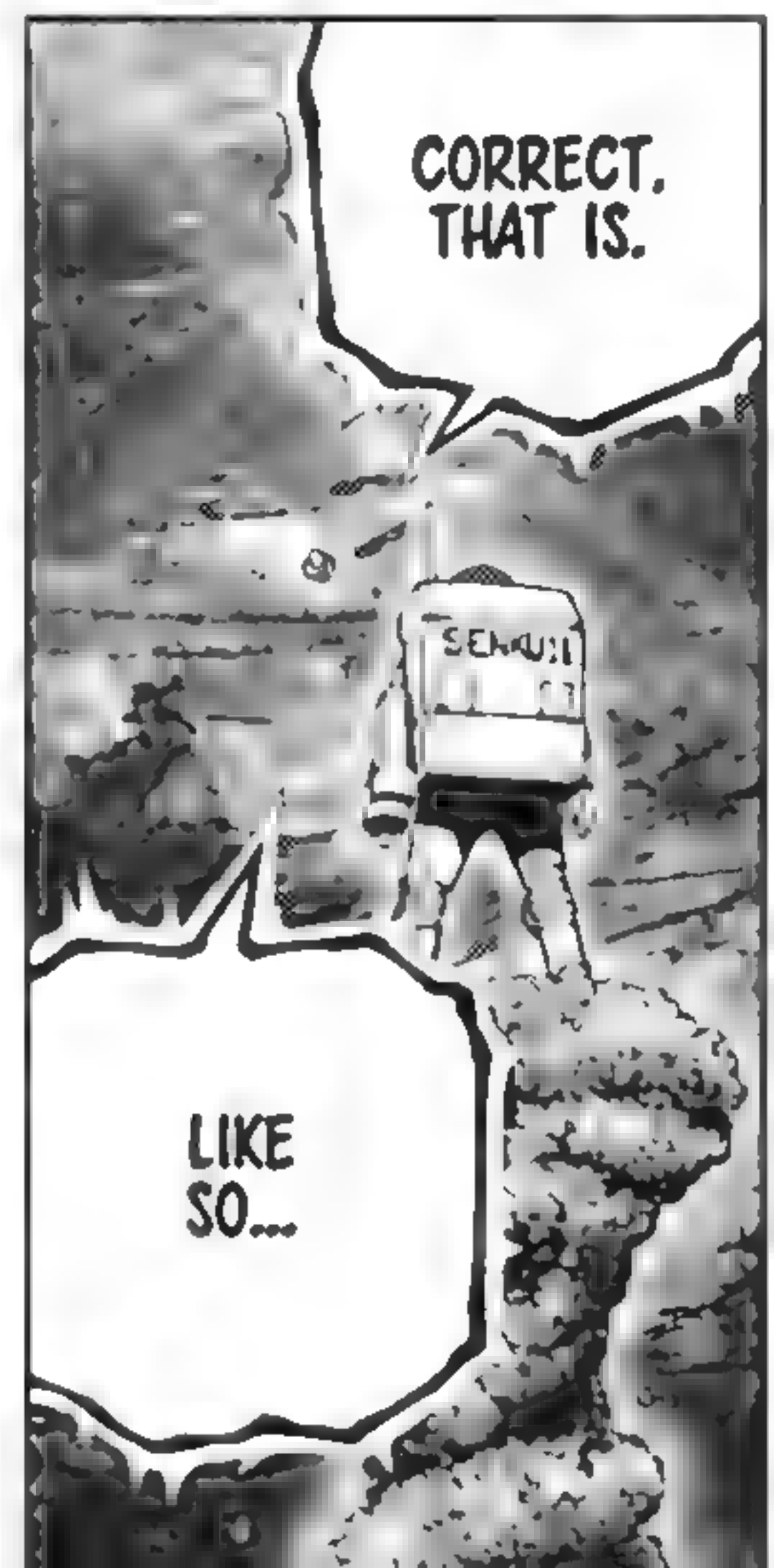
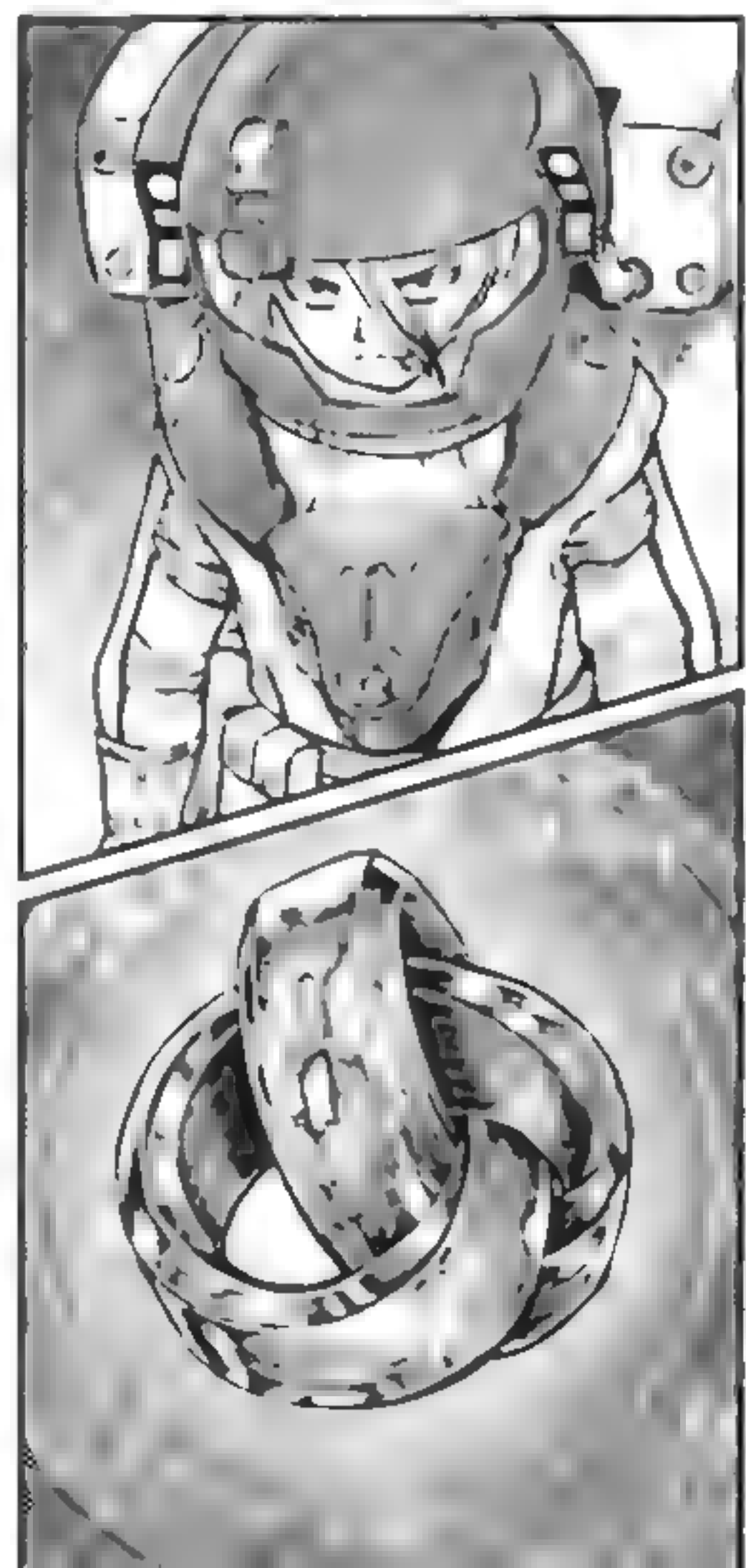




I CAN'T EVEN  
IMAGINE THE  
MECHANICS  
BEHIND THAT  
FUNCTION.

SO YOU  
CAN FLOAT  
AROUND...

...AND  
MOVE ANY  
WHICH  
WAY YOU  
PLEASE,  
HUH?



CORRECT,  
THAT IS.

LIKE  
SO...





MEH MEH HEH...  
IGNORING GRAVITY...  
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
IGNORING  
GRAVITY...



VOON



**WE ARE  
CAPABLE  
OF...**



**...ASSUMING  
YOUR FORM.**



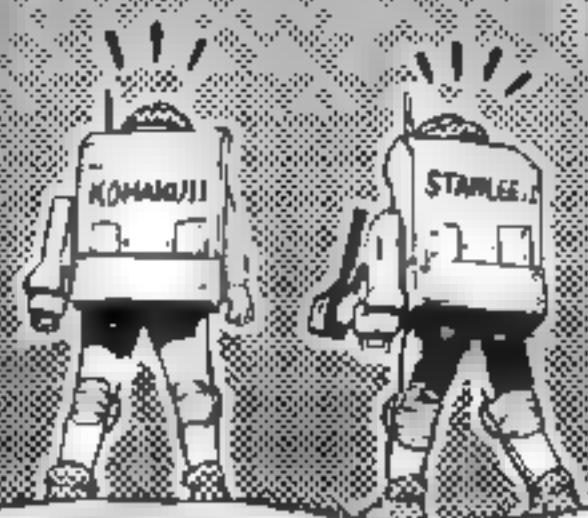
WE NOW  
ABANDON THIS  
PLANET FOR  
ANOTHER.

NECESSARY  
INTELLECT TO  
REPLICATE  
OUR KIND...

GIFT OF  
PETRIFICATION  
TO BE  
GRANTED AT  
THIS TIME.

...IS  
LACKING  
BY YOUR  
KIND.

DO  
NOT  
FLEE.



...WITH NO  
CLUE WHAT  
THEY'RE  
SAYING  
INSIDE.

SO WE  
HAVE TO  
STAY OUT  
HERE...

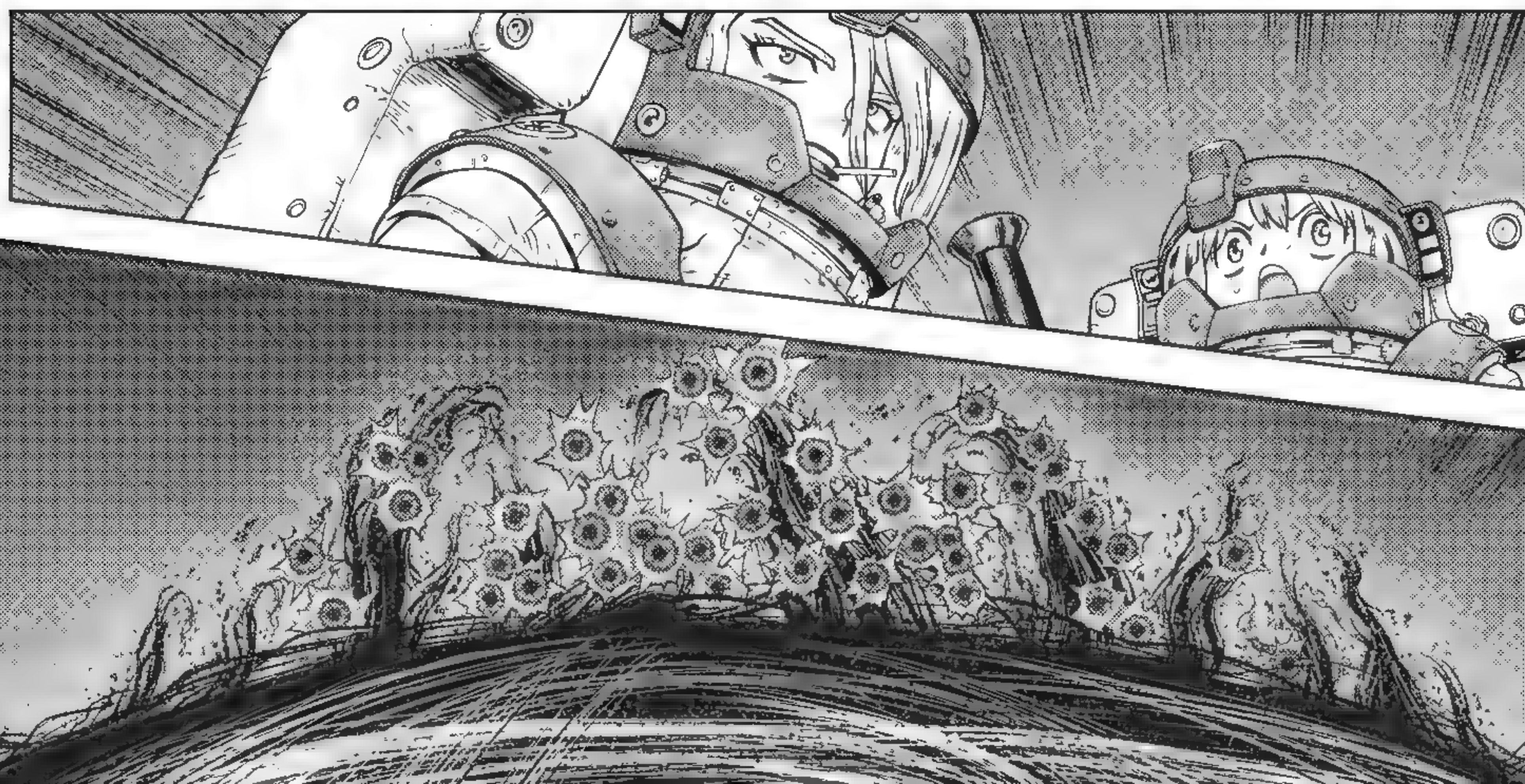
THESE  
TALKS...

...ARE  
RUNNING  
LONG. TOO  
LONG.

WHAT  
IF...

I SHOULD  
PREPARE  
FOR THE  
WORST.

...SENKU'S  
ALREADY  
BEEN  
PETRIFIED?











HAH! I'M NOT  
SURE WHAT  
SENKU SAID  
IN THERE...

...BUT WE  
NEED YOU  
TO AT LEAST  
STAY AT THE  
BARGAINING  
TABLE.

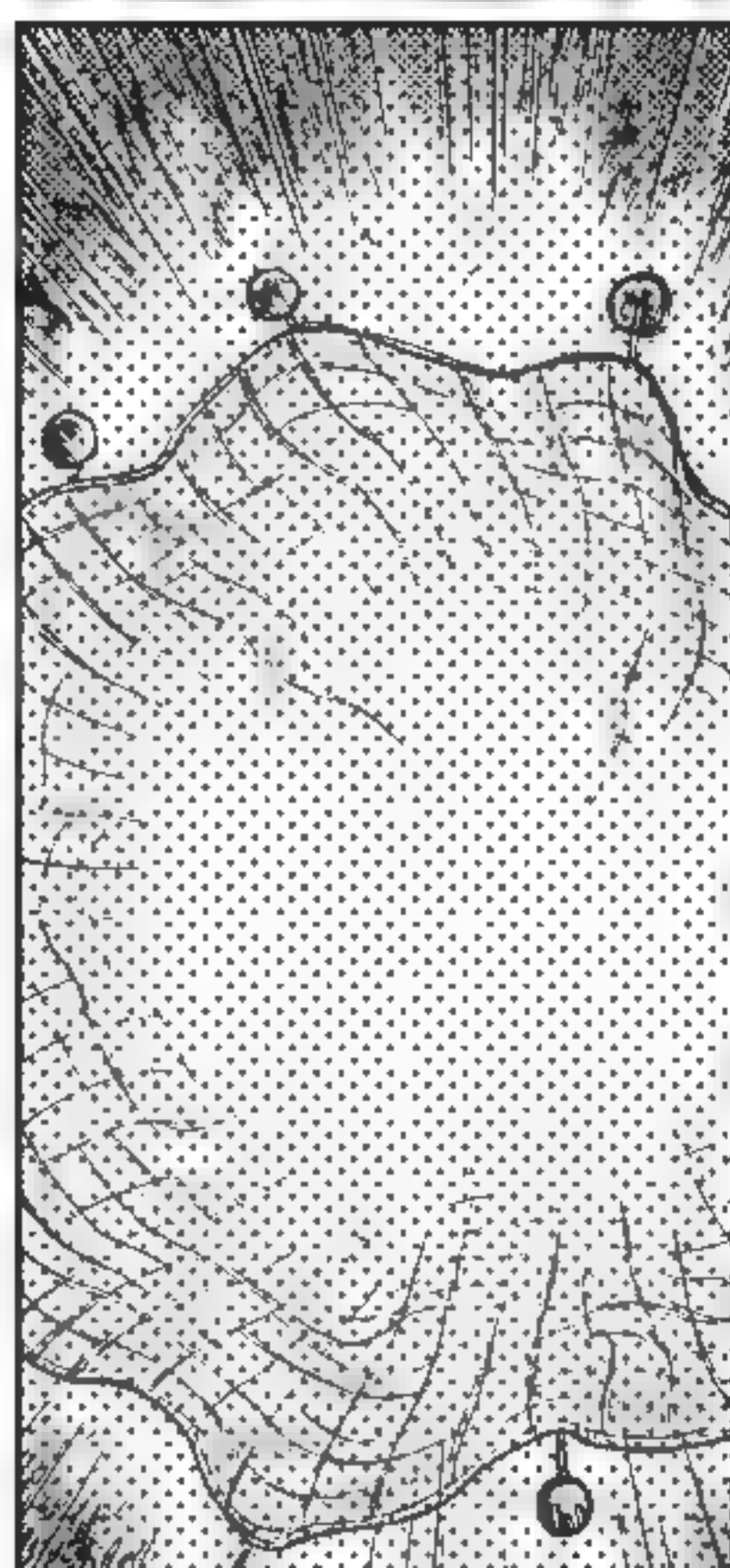
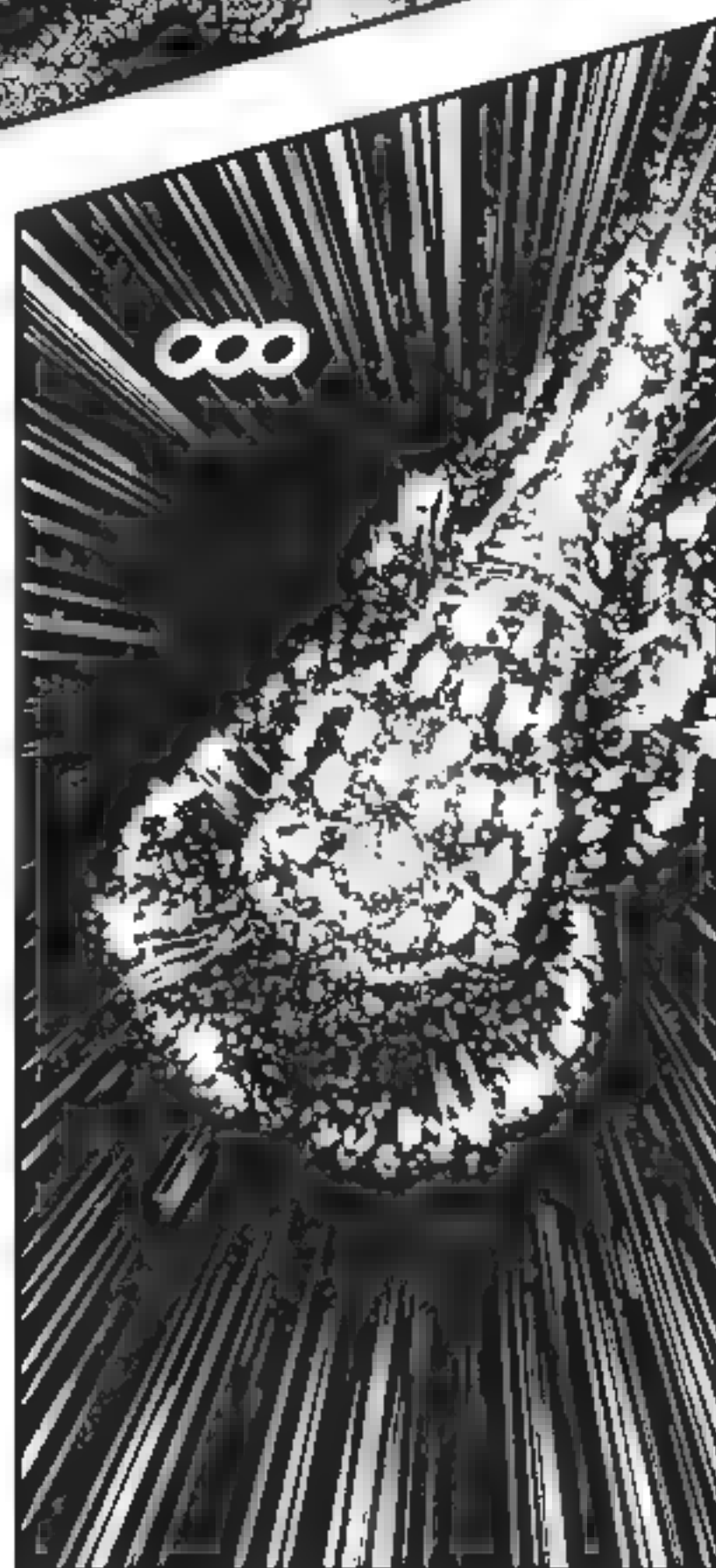
GETTING  
YOU TO  
DO THAT'S  
ABOUT THE  
ONLY THING  
WE CAN DO.

OH,  
I AIN'T  
SHOOTING  
...

...SO LONG  
AS YOU  
BACK OFF.

<PERFECT  
LINE OF  
FIRE.>

<MANY OF  
US WILL  
DIE.>







PROBABILITY  
IS NEAR  
ZERO  
PERCENT...

...OF THAT  
PLAN  
SUCCEEDING.

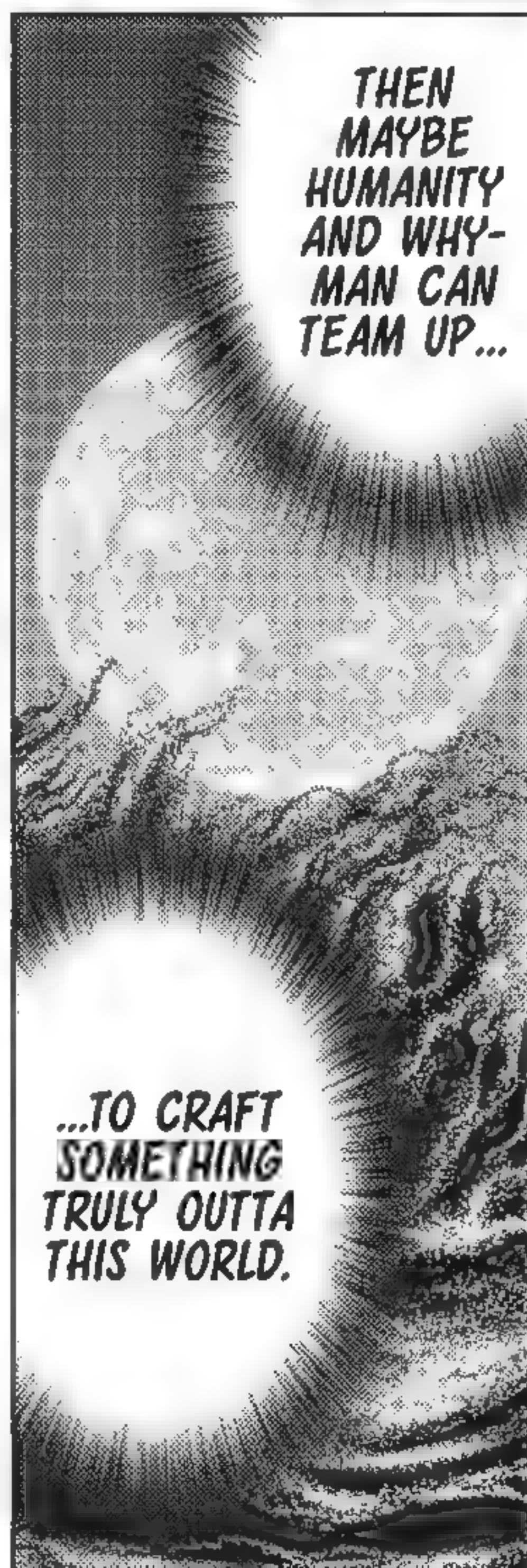
NEAR  
ZERO?  
SOUNDS  
ABOUT  
RIGHT.



HEH HEH  
HEH... I KNOW  
YOU PARASITES  
AREN'T SO  
BRAINLESS THAT  
YOU'D FIGHT  
YOUR OWN  
HOSTS.

BUT BACK  
TO WHAT I  
WAS JUST  
EXPLAINING  
...

FORGET  
FINDING  
ANOTHER  
PLANET AND  
WORK WITH  
US INSTEAD.



THEN  
MAYBE  
HUMANITY  
AND WHY-  
MAN CAN  
TEAM UP...

...TO CRAFT  
SOMETHING  
TRULY OUTTA  
THIS WORLD.

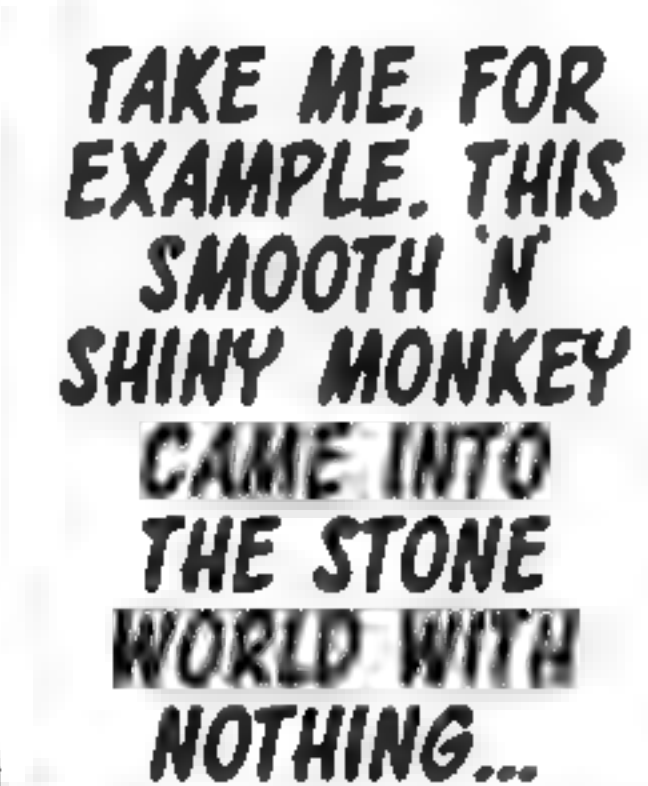






...WE'RE  
HERE...

...ON  
THE  
MOON.



TAKE ME, FOR  
EXAMPLE. THIS  
SMOOTH 'N'  
SHINY MONKEY  
CAME INTO  
THE STONE  
WORLD WITH  
NOTHING...



...AND IN  
JUST TEN  
SHORT  
YEARS...



BUT  
NEAR  
ZERO  
AIN'T  
ZERO.

NOT  
WHEN IT  
COMES  
TO US.





SENKU11









**...TAKEN  
BY YOU.  
AND  
ONLY I.**

**I MAY  
BE...**

**...BUT  
ENOUGH  
FOR ONE  
ALONE...**

**...TO WAGER  
EVERYTHING  
ON YOUR  
KIND.**

**PROBABILITY  
IS NEAR  
ZERO  
PERCENT...**

**YOU  
SPEAK OF  
A CREATION  
"OUTTA THIS  
WORLD."**

**THAT  
EXCITES  
ME.**

**THIS  
BODY...**

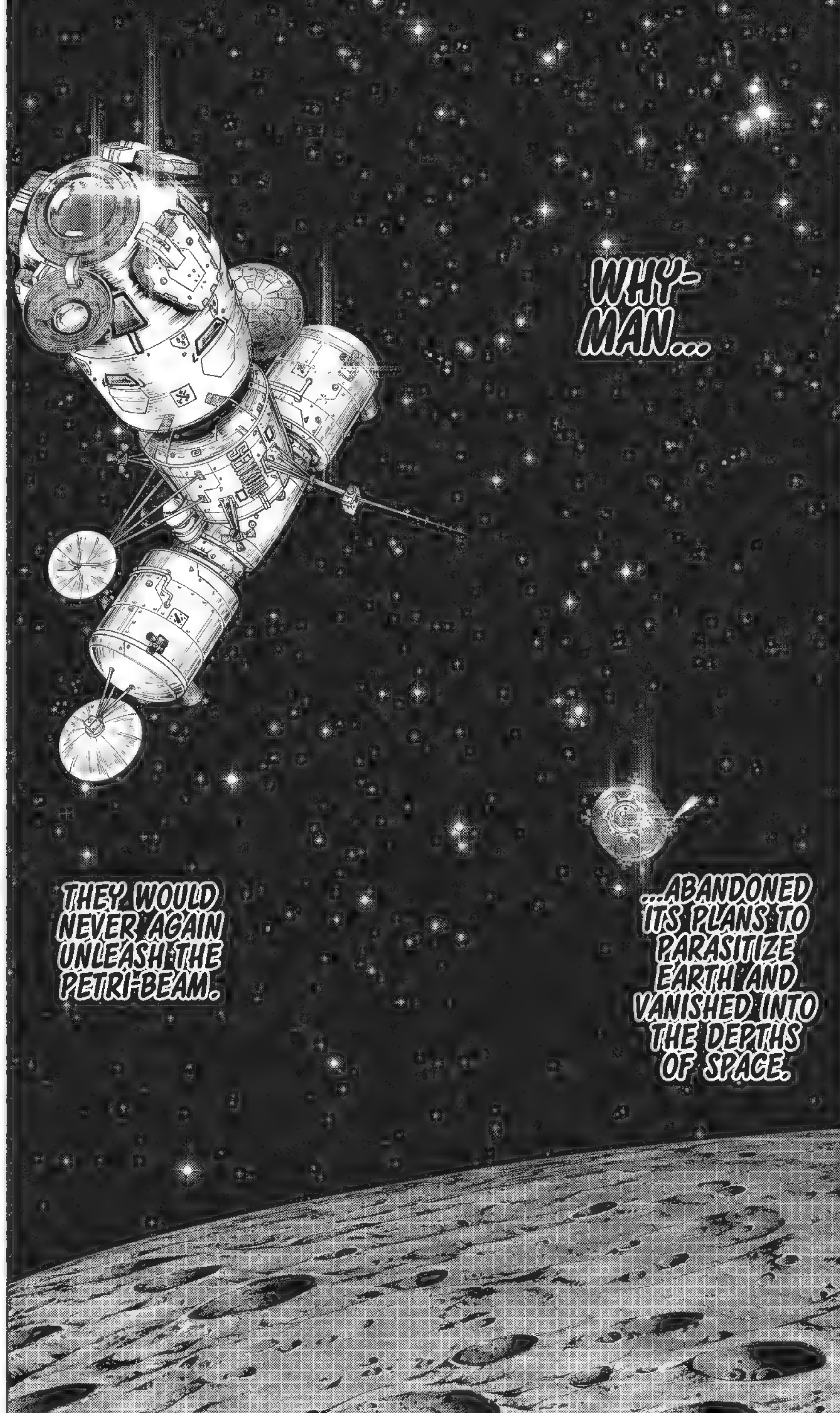
**...IS  
YOURS TO DESTROY.  
TO KILL.**



AND OUR  
REWARD...



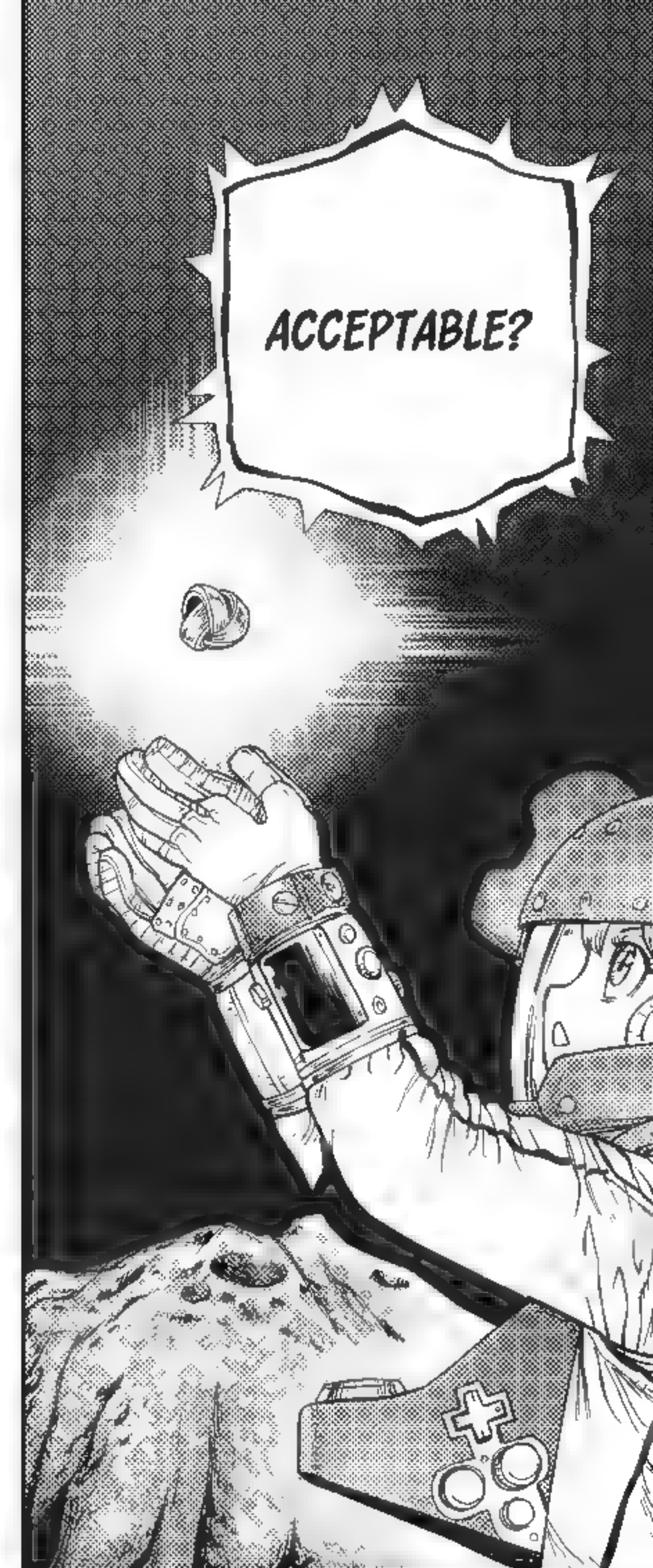
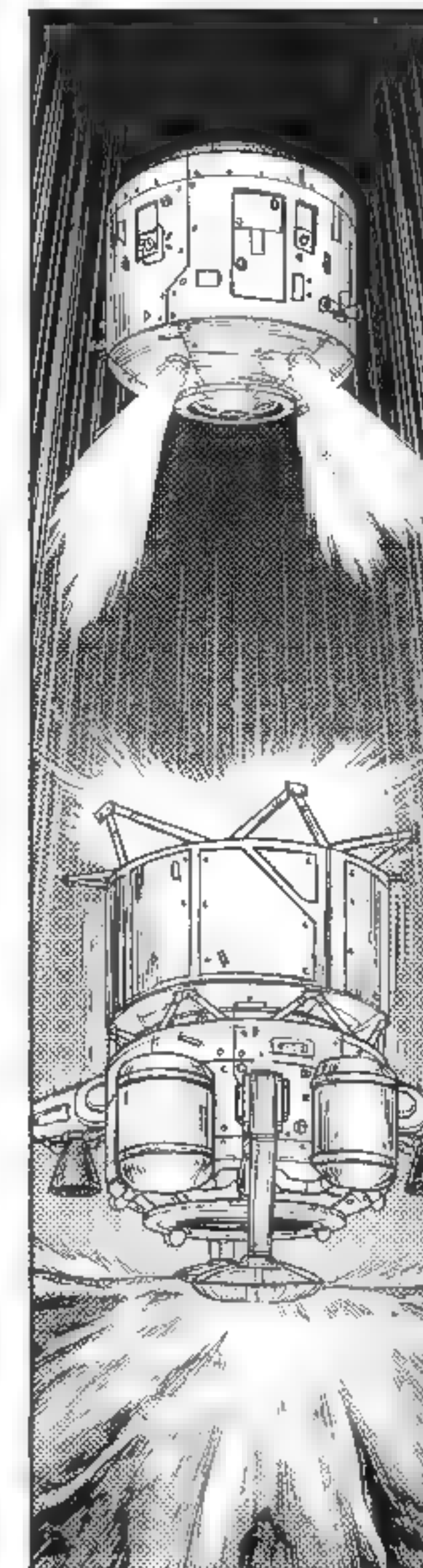
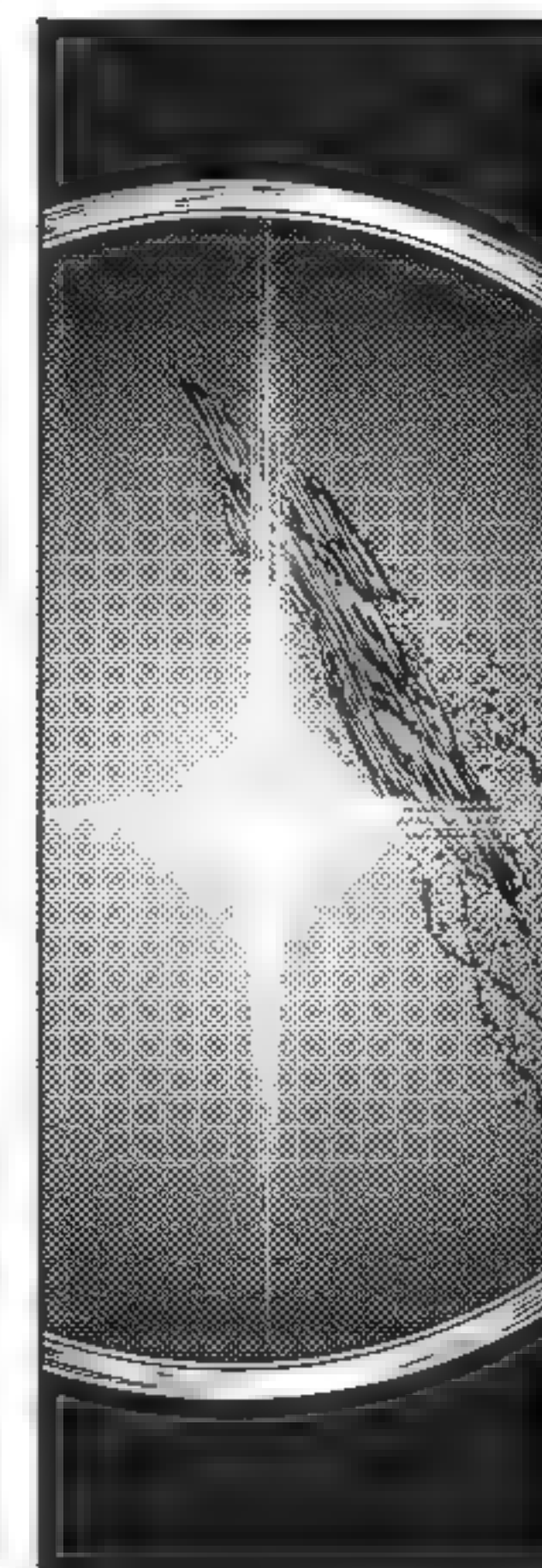
...WAS A  
SINGLE  
PIECE OF  
FUTURISTIC  
SCIENCE.



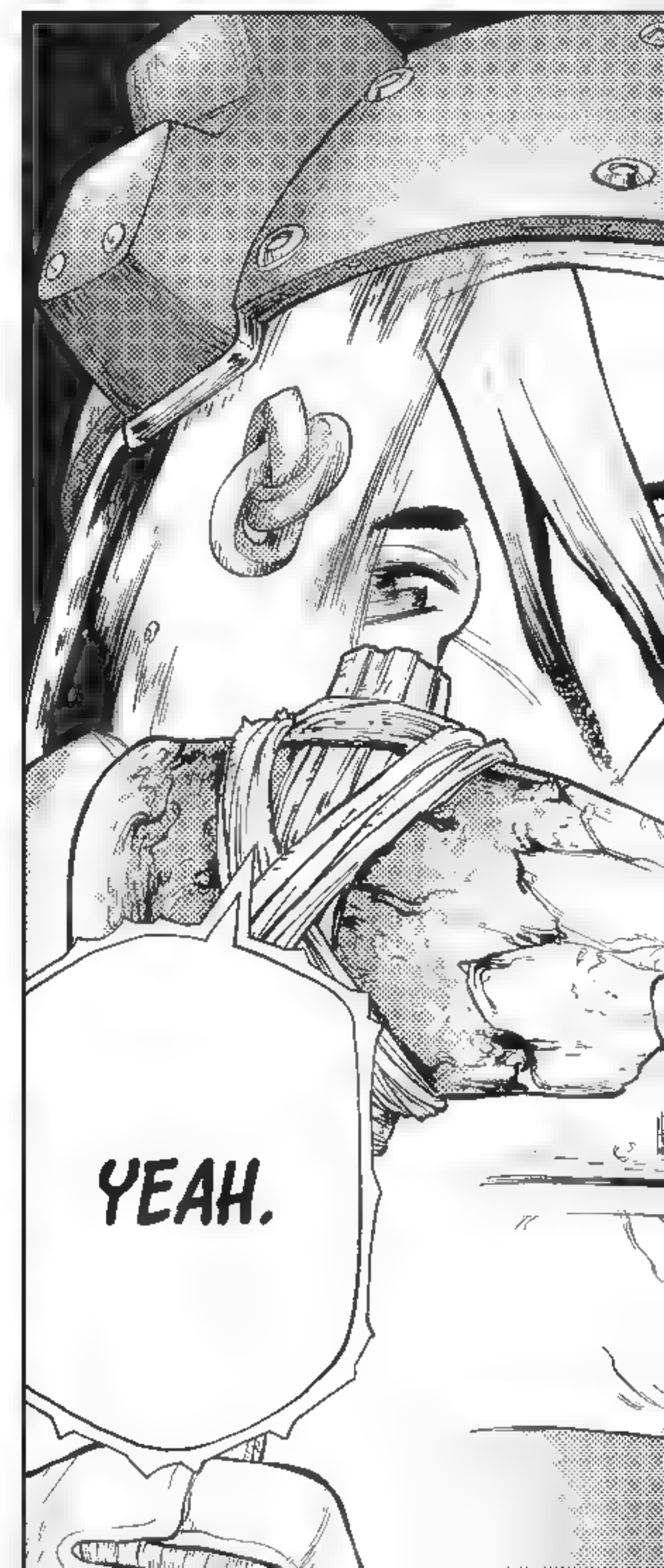
WHY-  
MAN...

THEY WOULD  
NEVER AGAIN  
UNLEASH THE  
PETRI-BEAM.

...ABANDONED  
ITS PLANS TO  
PARASITIZE  
EARTH AND  
VANISHED INTO  
THE DEPTHS  
OF SPACE.



ACCEPTABLE?



YEAH.





...IS  
TURNED  
INTO A  
VACUUM...

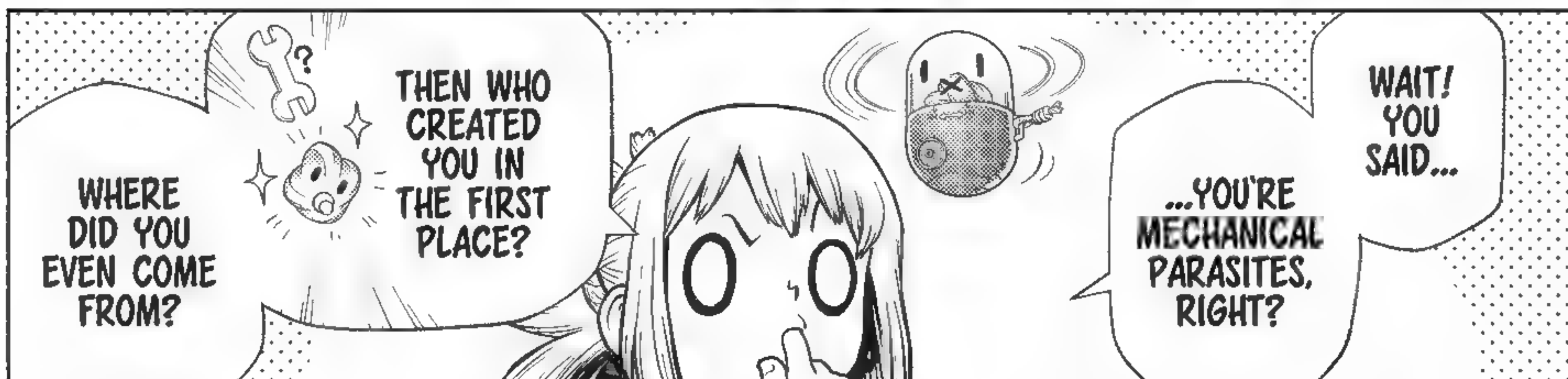
WE HAD IT  
BACKWARD?  
IF THE  
CAPSULE...

YES.  
CORRECT,  
THAT IS.

...WHY-MAN  
CAN STAY  
CONSCIOUS  
AND FLOAT  
AROUND?



BYE

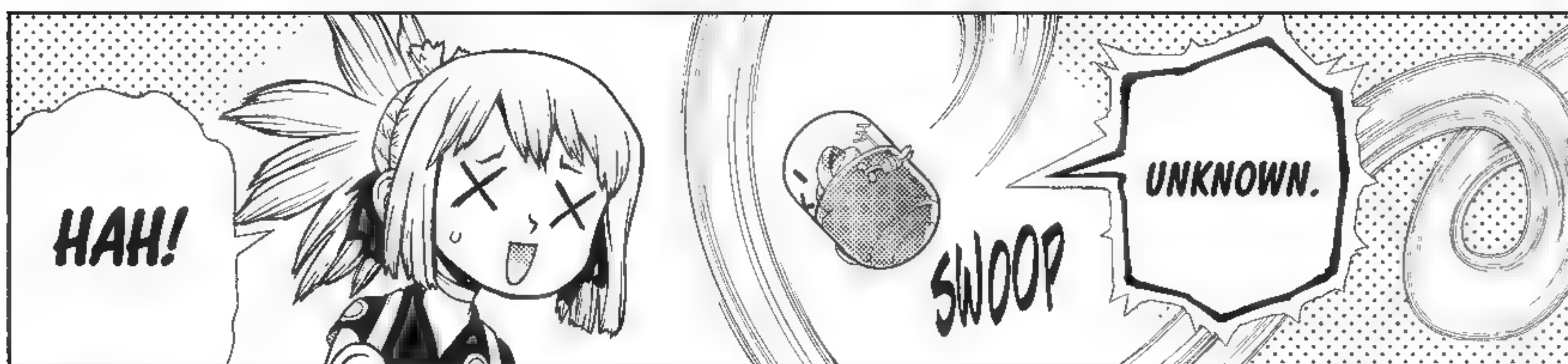


WHERE  
DID YOU  
EVEN COME  
FROM?

THEN WHO  
CREATED  
YOU IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE?

...YOU'RE  
MECHANICAL  
PARASITES,  
RIGHT?

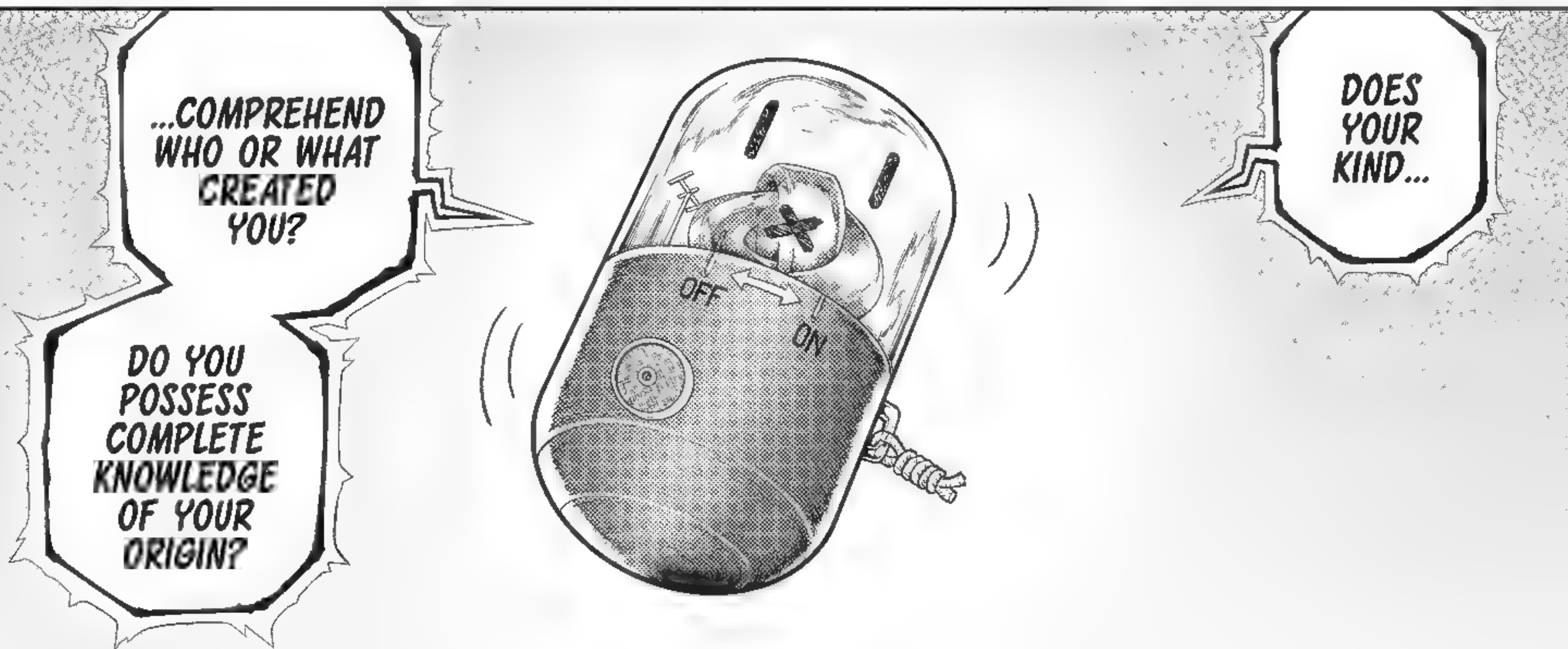
WAIT!  
YOU  
SAID...



HAH!

UNKNOWN.

SWOOP

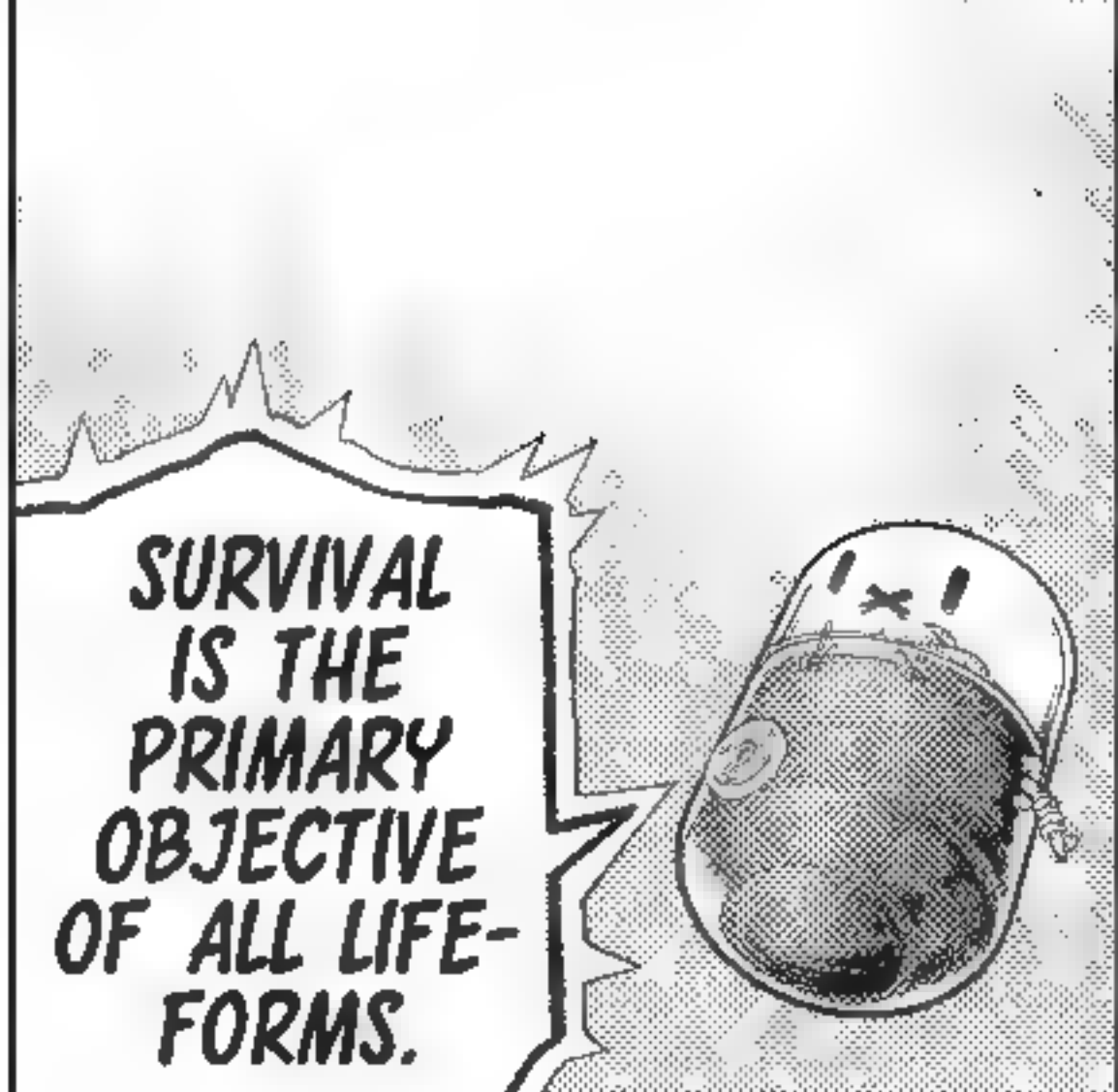


...COMPREHEND  
WHO OR WHAT  
CREATED  
YOU?

DO YOU  
POSSESS  
COMPLETE  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF YOUR  
ORIGIN?

DOES  
YOUR  
KIND...





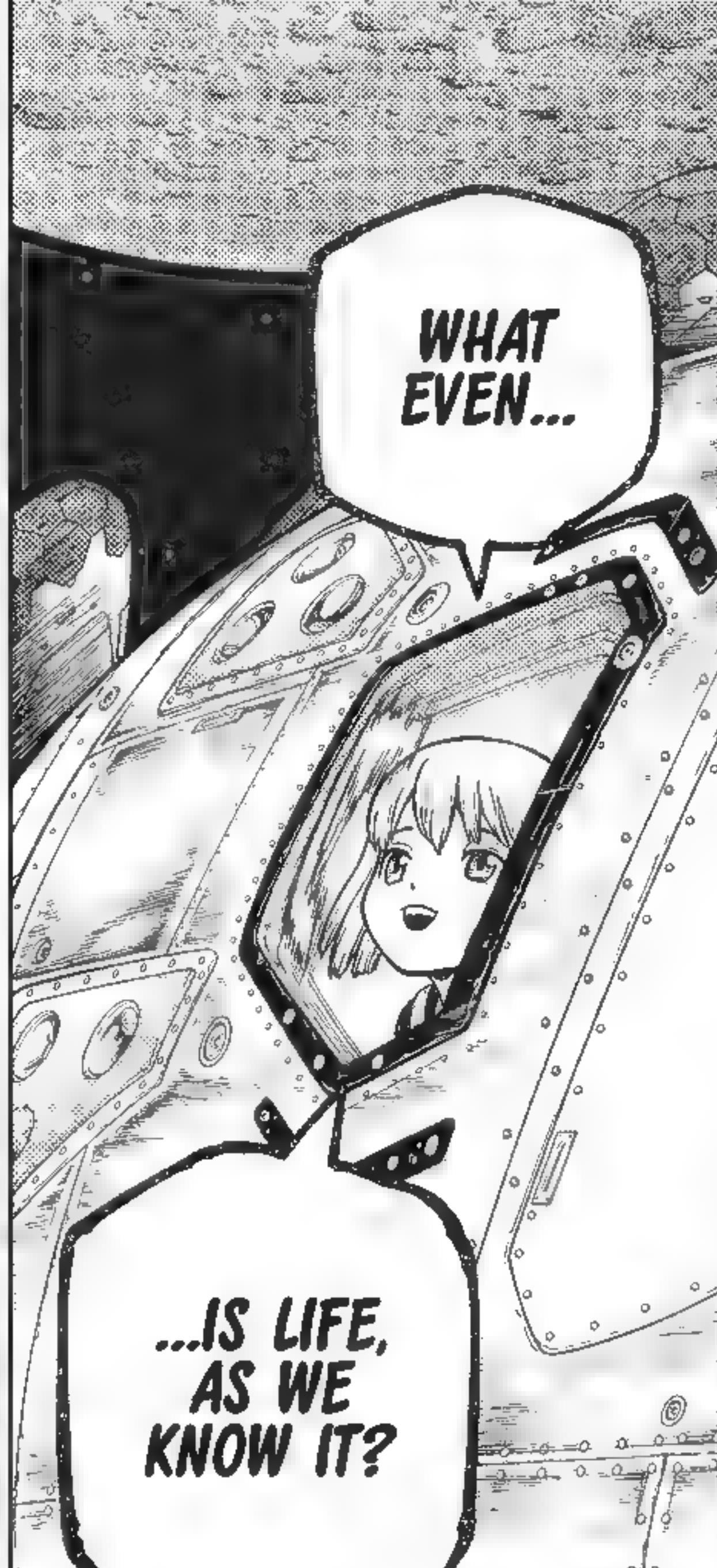
**SURVIVAL  
IS THE  
PRIMARY  
OBJECTIVE  
OF ALL LIFE-  
FORMS.**



**WHY IS  
PROMISE  
OF LIFE  
ETERNAL  
REJECTED?**

**INQUIRY—  
WHY DO YOU  
DISLIKE BEING  
PETRIFIED?**

**<WHY?>**



**WHAT  
EVEN...**

**...IS LIFE,  
AS WE  
KNOW IT?**



**HMPH!  
THAT'S ONE  
CLEVER  
COMEBACK!**

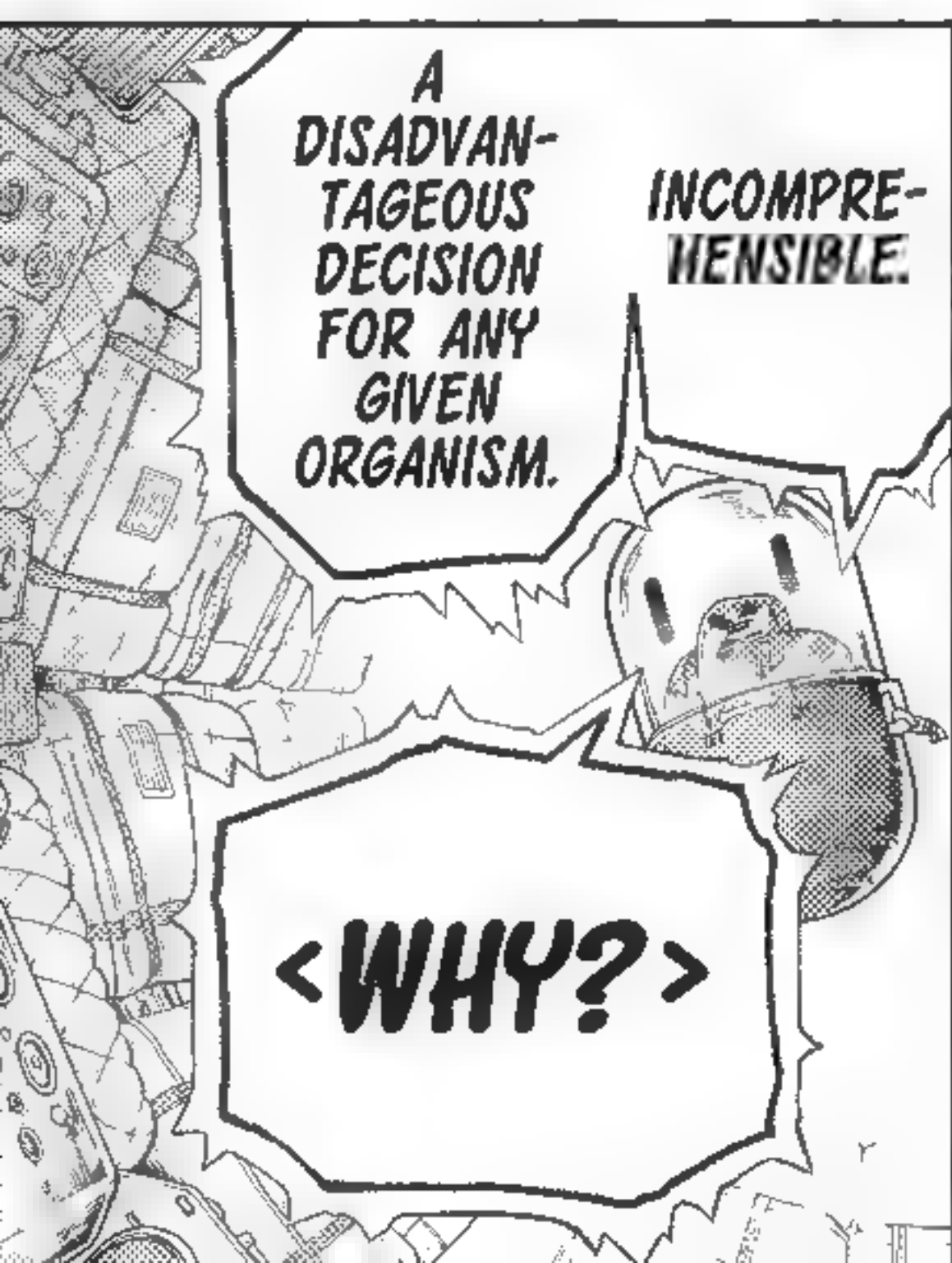
**COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT...**

**...IT IS  
A TOTAL  
MYSTERY.**



**HA HA!  
THERE'S  
NOTHING FUN  
ABOUT BEING  
FROZEN IN  
STONE! AM I  
WRONG?!**

**MY MIND  
FADED  
ALMOST  
INSTANTLY.**



**A  
DISADVANTAGEOUS  
DECISION  
FOR ANY  
GIVEN  
ORGANISM.**

**INCOMPRE-  
HENSIBLE.**

**<WHY?>**



**CUZ IT  
DOESN'T  
GET ME  
EXCITED.**



OVER  
THE ERAS  
BEFORE  
OUR  
TIME...

ONE  
PAIN-  
TAKING,  
STEADY  
STEP AT  
A TIME.

THAT'S  
HOW OUR  
SCIENCE  
ROLLS.

...AND  
THROUGHOUT  
THE AGES  
TO COME.

...WE'RE  
TEN BILLION  
PERCENT  
GUARANTEED  
TO HAVE  
THAT WEIRD  
URGE!

ABNORMAL  
OR NOT...

THIS  
BODY...

THAT  
EXCITES  
ME.

...IS  
YOURS TO  
DESTROY.  
TO KILL.

IT'S GOT  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH  
SURVIVAL.

ASKING  
WHY ABOUT  
ALL THESE  
UNKNOWN...

...IS WHAT  
GETS US  
EXCITED.

YOU'RE  
ONE TO  
TALK!

OUTTA  
ALL THE  
WHY-MEN,  
ONLY  
YOU...

...CHOSE  
TO STAY  
CUZ MY  
IDEA  
GOT YOU  
EXCITED!





**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**I assume all of humanity  
will be revived, but what  
will happen to the petrified  
swallows around the world?**

Nagahisa from Hyogo Prefecture

**SEARCH**

As we explore the world, we'll collect every swallow we come across and revive them all at once!



This new world has its own new ecosystems, so we can't revive the swallows willy-nilly. The first step is to revive some expert biologists!

## **Senku versus Xeno... Who'd win in a no-holds-barred science showdown?**

Yokkun from Shizuoka Prefecture

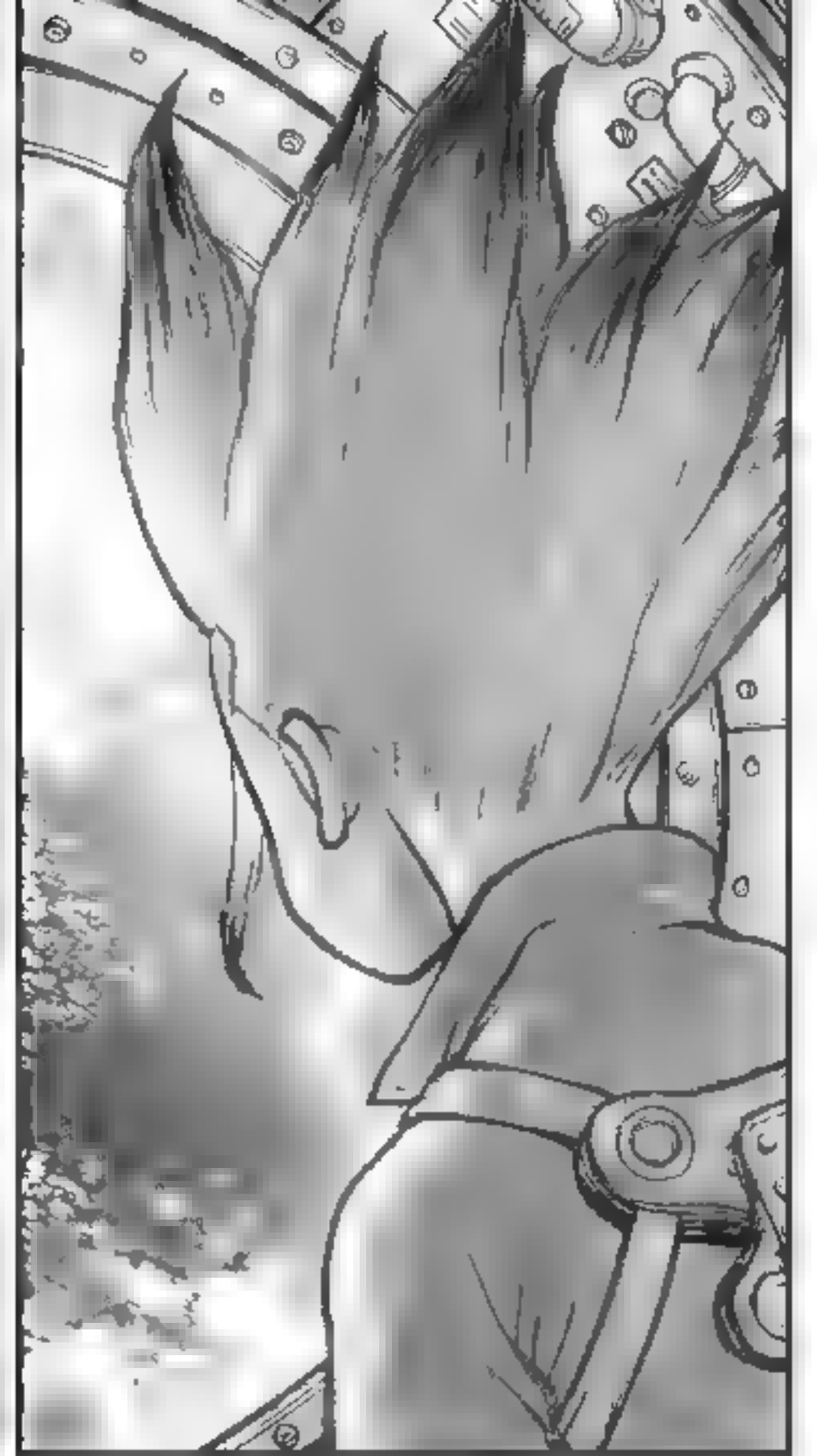
**SEARCH**



If the contest concerned rocketry? Well, that's my specialty, so I would crush the competition... However, Senku might surpass me when it comes to general, comprehensive knowledge.

"Desire driven by curiosity." That's how I would describe Senku's truly elegant power.



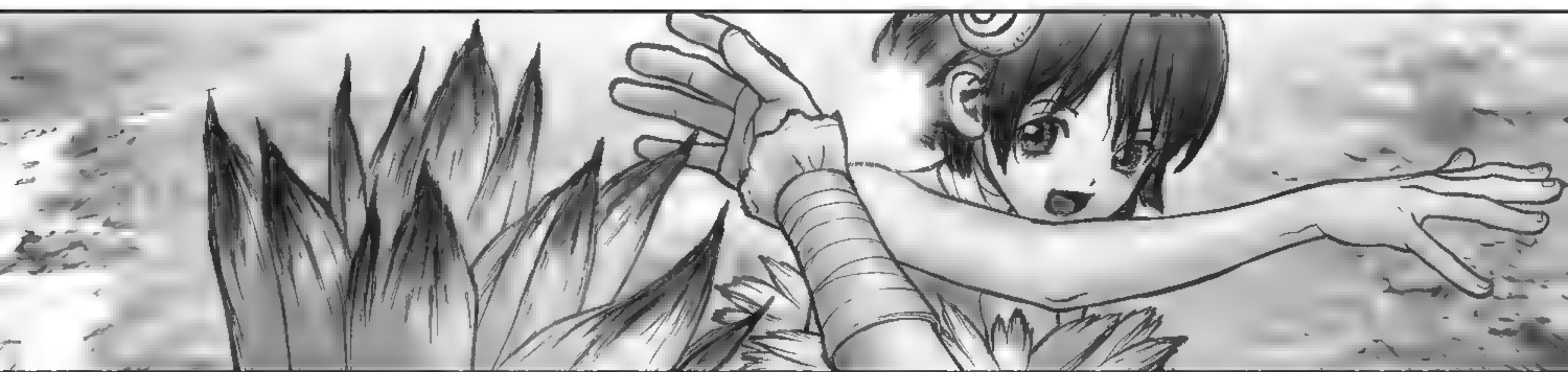
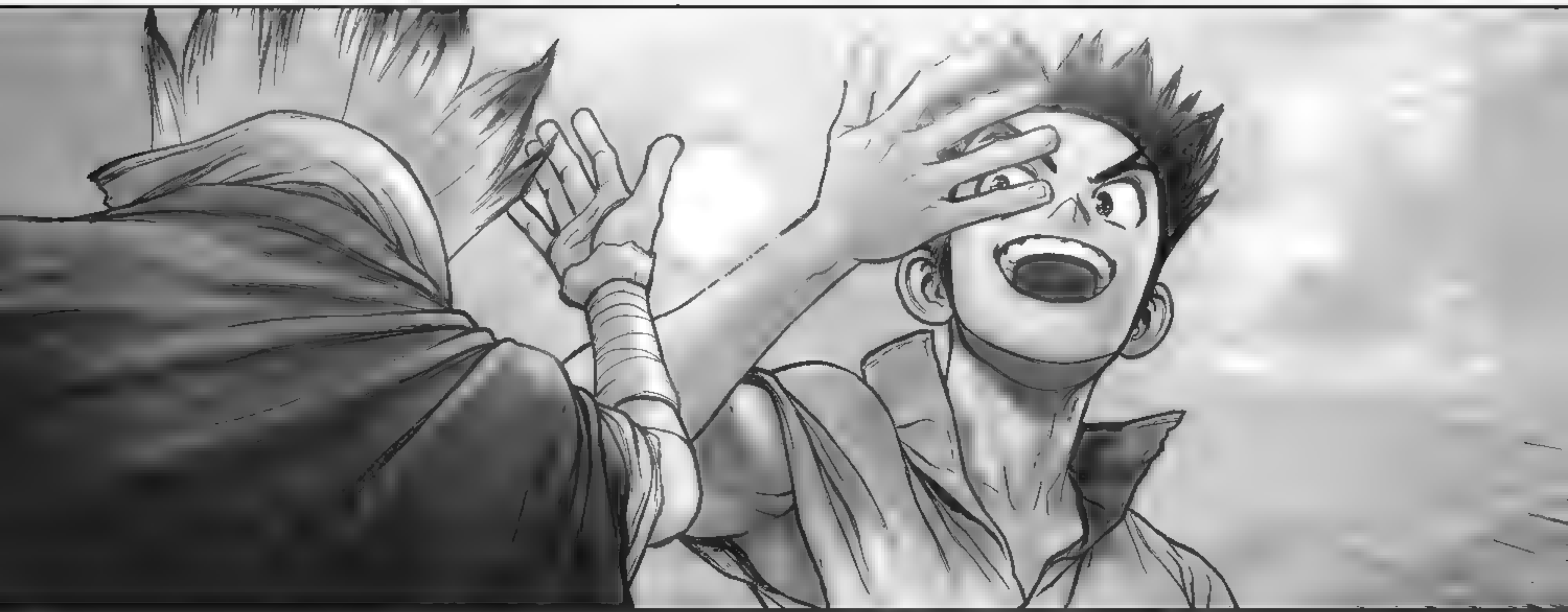
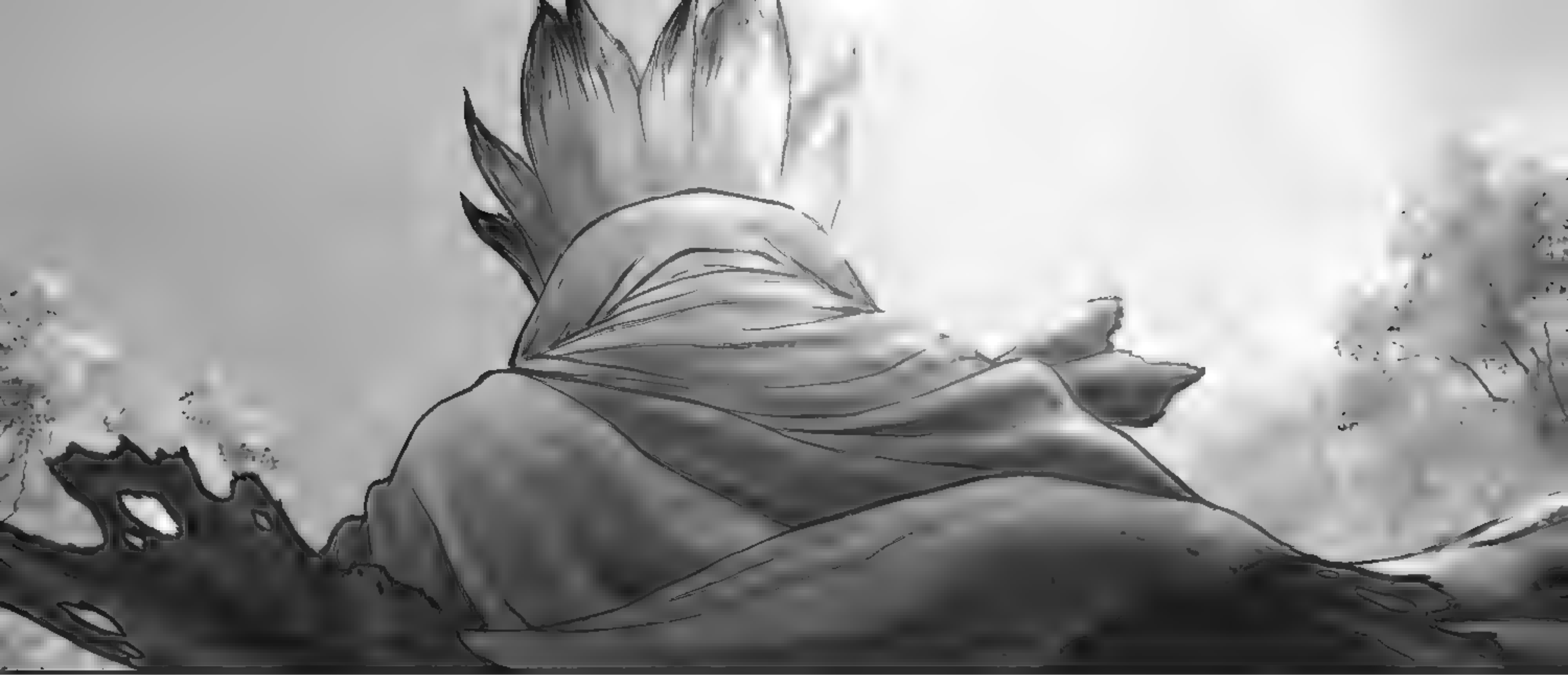


**Final Chapter: Dr. STONE**















## Final Chapter: Dr. STONE





# WANT TO KNOW

...WHICH IS THE  
PERFECT JOB FOR  
A SKILLED TALKER.  
SOMEONE GOOD AT  
COMMUNICATING  
AND NEGOTIATING...

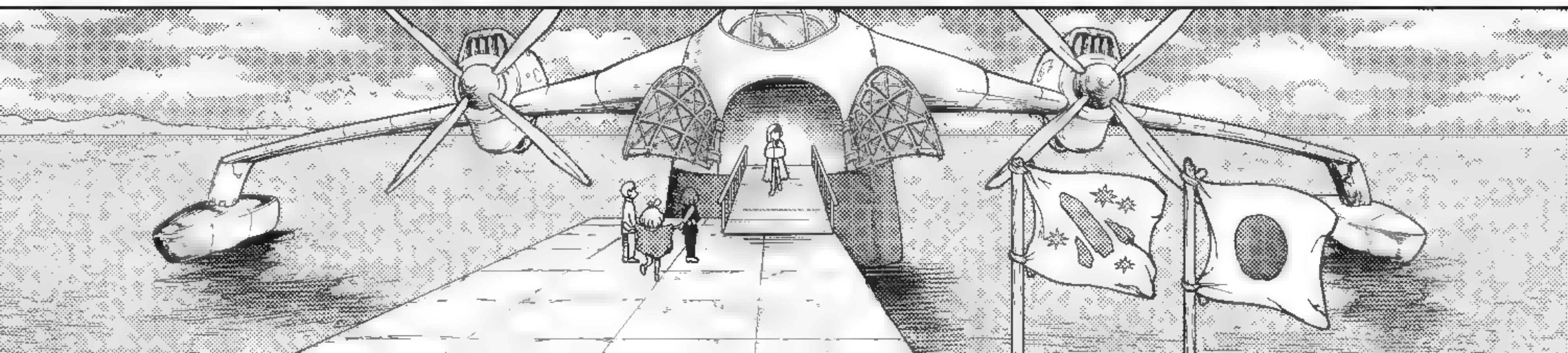
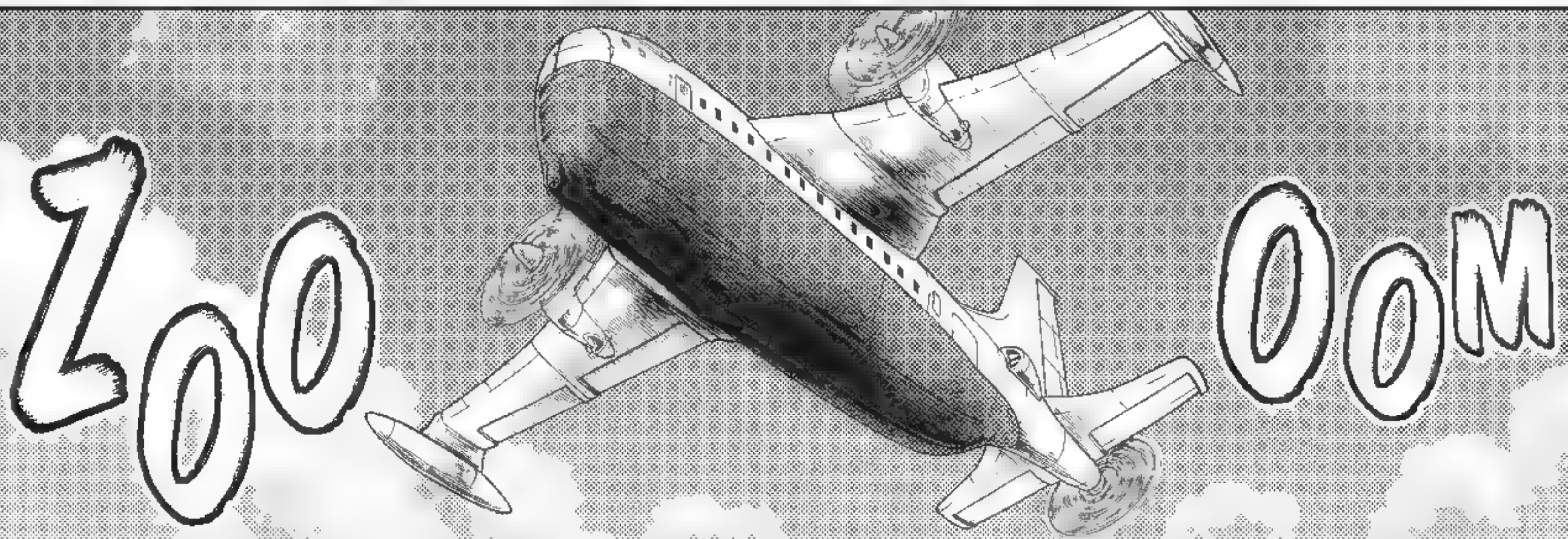
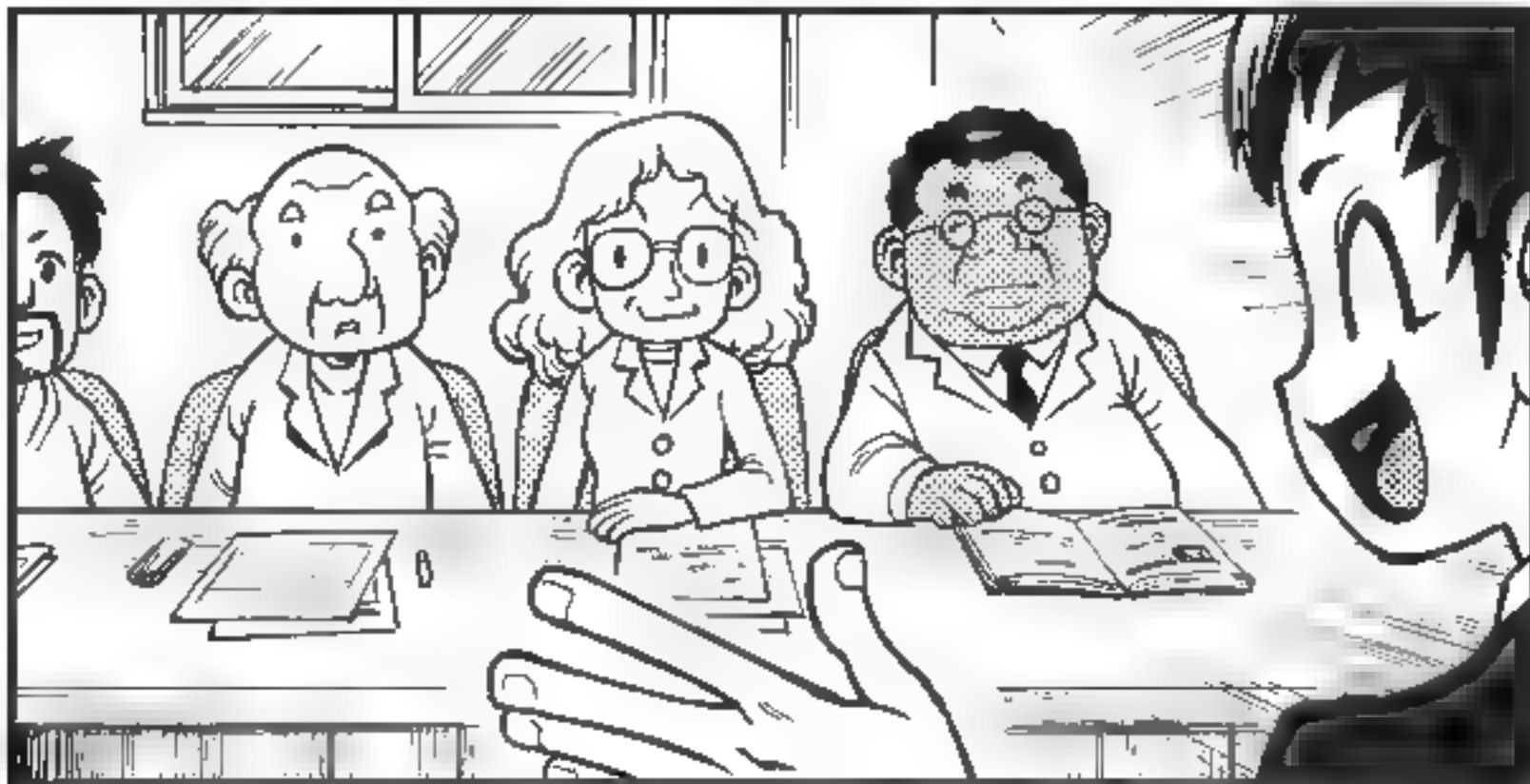
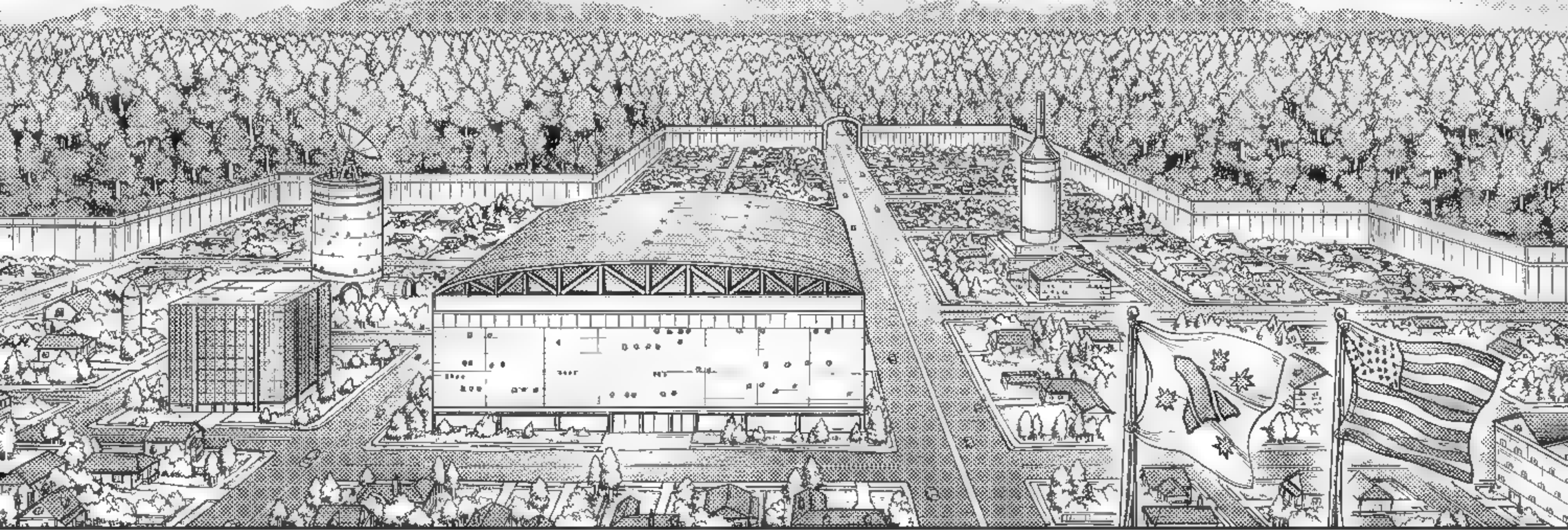
WE'LL NEED  
TO SPREAD  
WORD ALL  
OVER THE  
WORLD...

PEEK PEEK PEEK





SEVERAL YEARS LATER...









...OF  
YOUR  
WEDDING  
?!

THIS  
IS DAY  
TWO...

...SENKU MADE  
THEM LEAVE  
AT THE END  
OF DAY ONE.

THE  
SCIENCE  
TEAM'S SO  
BUSY...

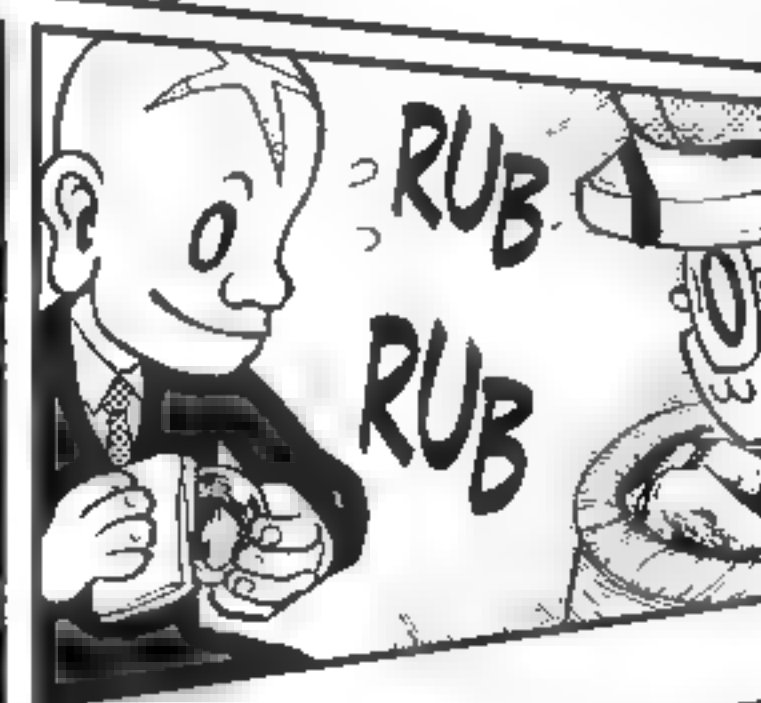
THE MORE  
CELEBRATION,  
THE  
MERRIER!

WAH  
HA HA!  
BRING IT  
ON!

THIS  
WAY...

THAT'S  
REASONABLE...  
THESE THINGS  
TYPICALLY  
LAST ONE  
DAY.

...MORE  
OF OUR  
FRIENDS  
COULD  
ATTEND.



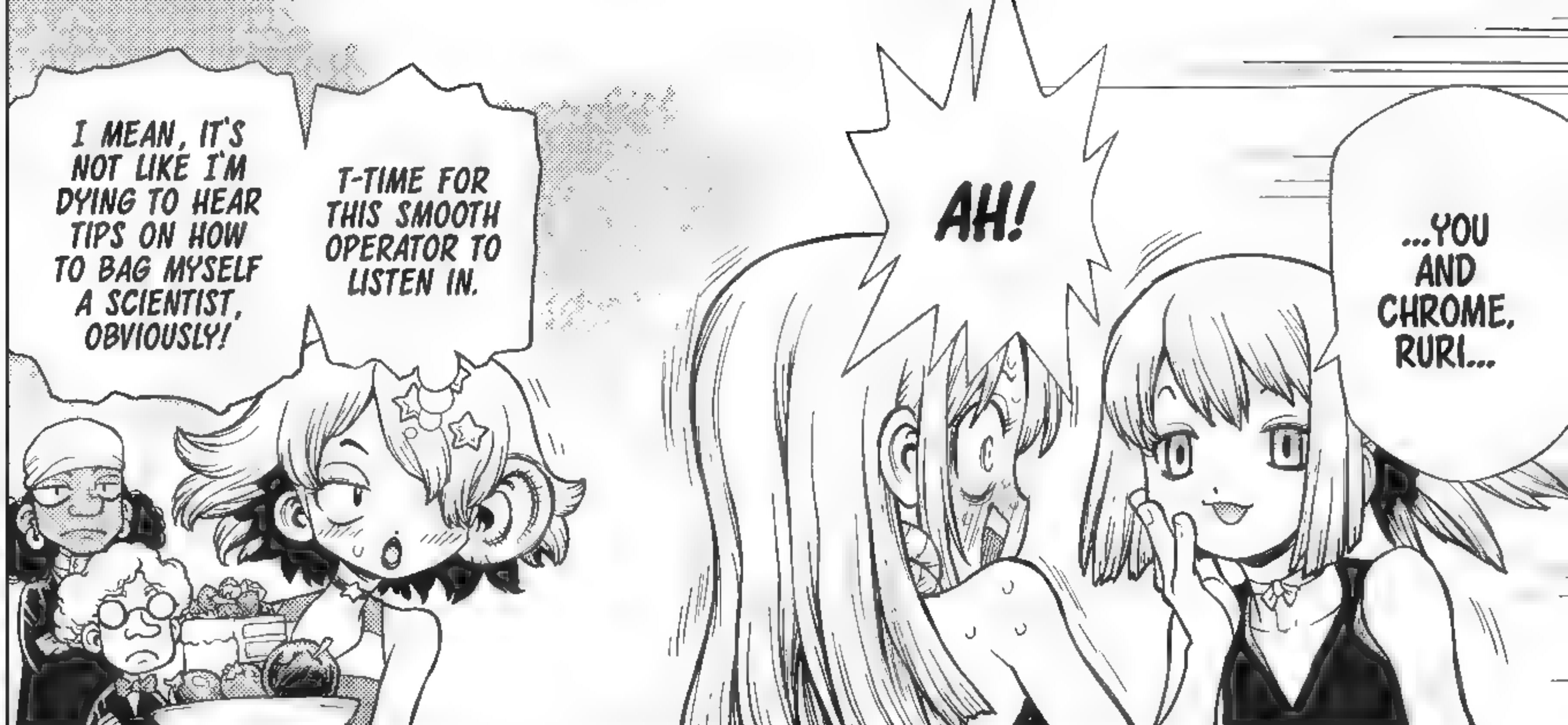
...TO ASK  
ABOUT...

NOW'S AS  
GOOD A  
TIME AS  
ANY...

OR MAYBE,  
IT'S ACTUALLY  
THE PERFECT  
TIME...







I MEAN, IT'S  
NOT LIKE I'M  
DYING TO HEAR  
TIPS ON HOW  
TO BAG MYSELF  
A SCIENTIST,  
OBVIOUSLY!

T-TIME FOR  
THIS SMOOTH  
OPERATOR TO  
LISTEN IN.

AH!

...YOU  
AND  
CHROME,  
RURI...



SAY,  
RURI...

HAPPY



ABOUT  
THAT...

WELL...



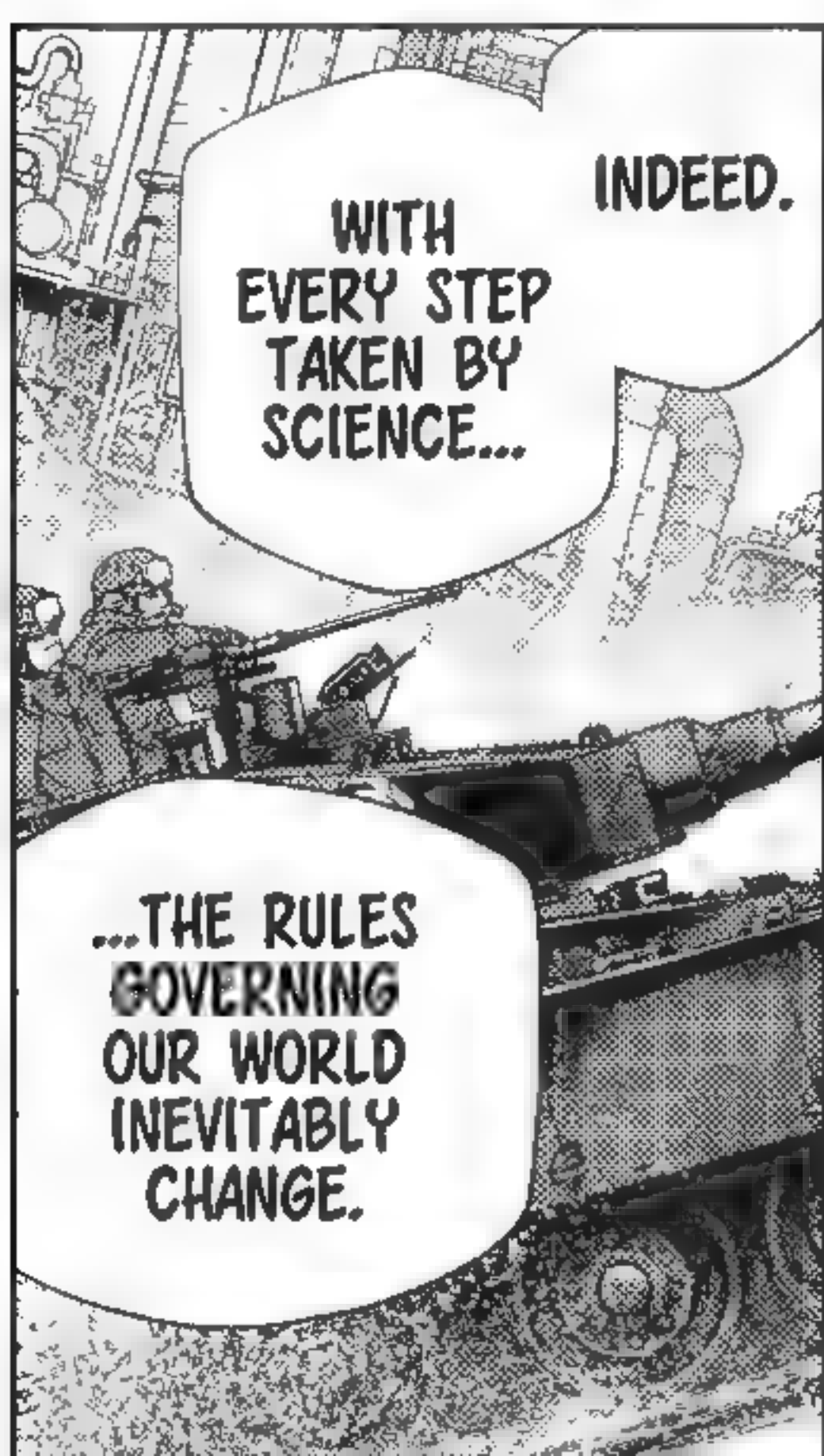
YEESH.  
NO HELPFUL  
ROLE MODELS  
HERE.

HUH?!

OKAY...!

WHEN OUR  
BAAAAD  
SCIENCE  
PROJECT  
IS ALL  
WRAPPED  
UP...

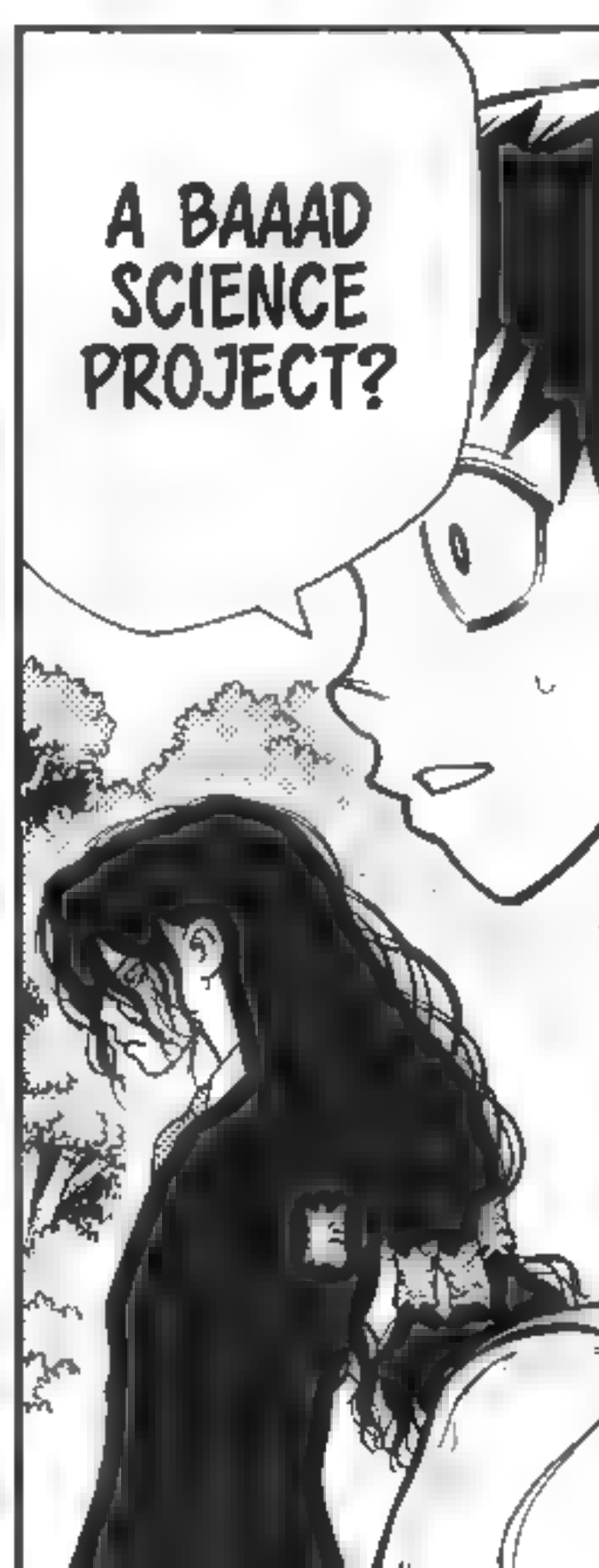
...LET'S GET  
MARRIED!



WITH  
EVERY STEP  
TAKEN BY  
SCIENCE...

INDEED.

...THE RULES  
GOVERNING  
OUR WORLD  
INEVITABLY  
CHANGE.



A BAAAAD  
SCIENCE  
PROJECT?





BUT, AT  
THIS  
POINT...

...THE  
IDEA OF  
SUCH A GRIM  
FUTURE IS  
A DISTANT  
MEMORY.

HYOGA,  
XENO,  
AND I...

...ONCE  
BLOODIED  
OUR HANDS TO  
PREVENT THE  
REBIRTH OF  
THE OLD  
WORLD'S HIER-  
ARCHIES.



THAT ALL  
DEPENDS  
...

IN  
FACT...

...ON THE  
SCIENCE  
TEAM'S  
SUCCESS.

...IT'S  
ENTIRELY  
POSSIBLE  
THAT...



...ONCE  
LAW AND  
ORDER ARE  
ESTABLISHED  
IN THE NEW  
WORLD...

REGARD-  
LESS...

...WE WILL  
LIKELY FIND  
OURSELVES  
JUDGED AND  
CONDEMNED.



DEAR  
SENKU!

AH!



COURTESY  
OF THE  
NEWLY-  
WEDS!

HOW  
NOVEL.

TMP  
TMP

TMP TMP TMP TMP

C'MON! THE  
SCIENCE  
TEAM'S  
BUSTING  
THEIR  
BUTTS...

...SO  
LET'S AT  
LEAST BRING  
'EM SOME  
CAKE!





MISTAKEN  
IDENTITY...

EVERY NATION  
HAS SENT  
SCIENTISTS...

...TO JOIN  
THE TEAM AND  
STUDY THE  
PETRIFICATION  
DEVICES.



AND PETRIFICATION  
IS THE PHENOMENON  
WHEREIN ORGANIC  
MOLECULES  
GAIN INCREASED  
RESISTANCE VIA  
THE HIGGS  
FIELD!

REDUCING  
ITS MASS—OR  
WEIGHT—TO  
ZERO ALLOWS  
IT TO FLY.

THE  
PETRIFICATION  
DEVICE IS  
CAPABLE OF  
ALTERING THE  
"WATER PRESSURE"  
IN SAID POOL.

A TYPE OF  
"POOL" CALLED  
A HIGGS FIELD  
GIVES MASS TO  
FUNDAMENTAL  
MATTER  
PARTICLES.

I NOW  
UNDERSTAND THAT  
DEAR SENKU'S  
LABORIOUS LECTURES  
WERE ACTUALLY ON  
THE EASY SIDE.

AH.  
SURE...





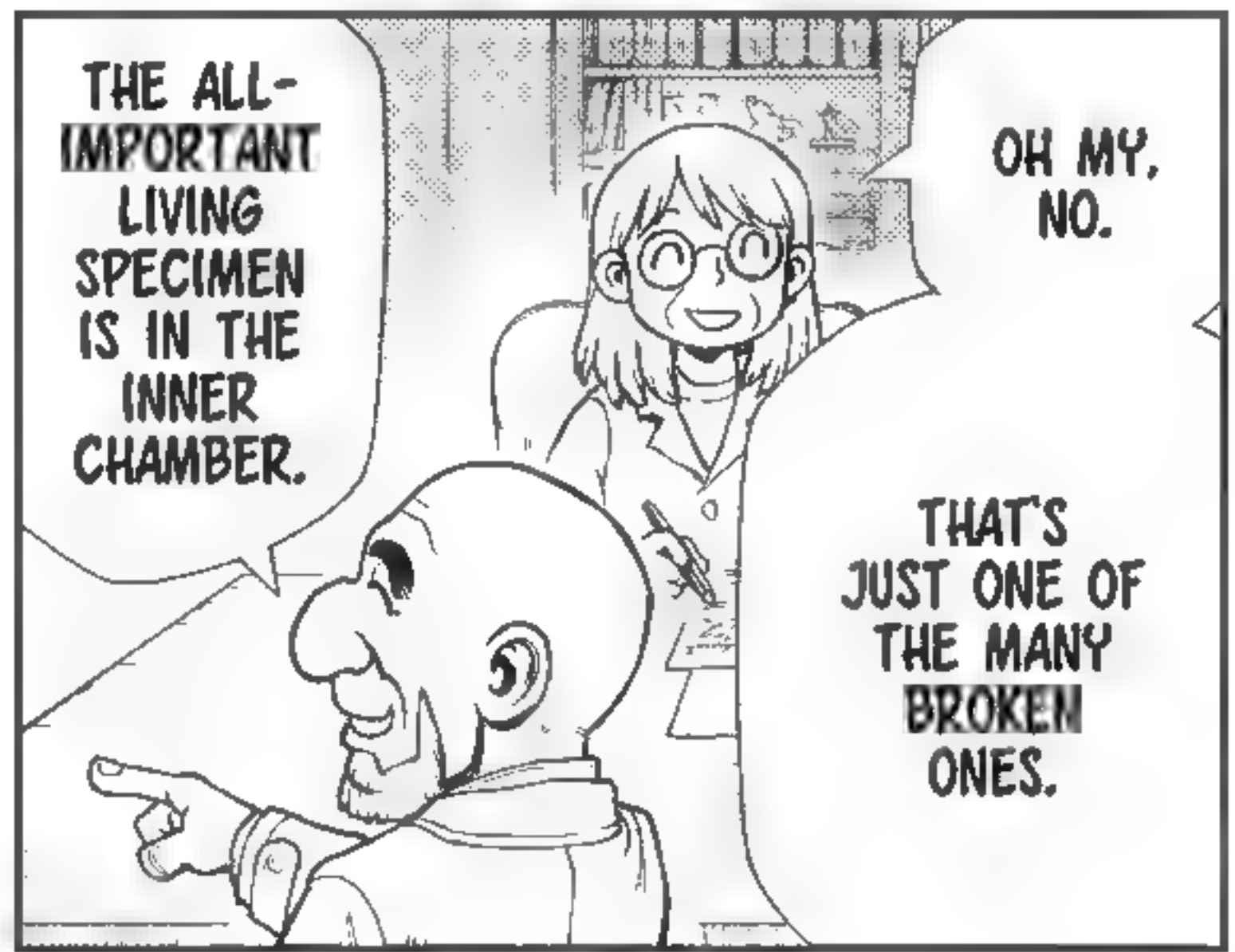
WHERE  
DR. SENKU  
AND HIS  
TEAM...

...ARE  
WORKING ON  
THEIR SPECIAL  
PROJECT.



IT'S BEEN  
BROKEN  
DOWN TO BE  
STUDIED.

SO THIS IS  
THE MEDUSA...  
I MEAN, THE  
DEAR WHY-MAN  
THEY BROUGHT  
BACK FROM THE  
MOON.



THE ALL-  
IMPORTANT  
LIVING  
SPECIMEN  
IS IN THE  
INNER  
CHAMBER.

OH MY,  
NO.

THAT'S  
JUST ONE OF  
THE MANY  
BROKEN  
ONES.

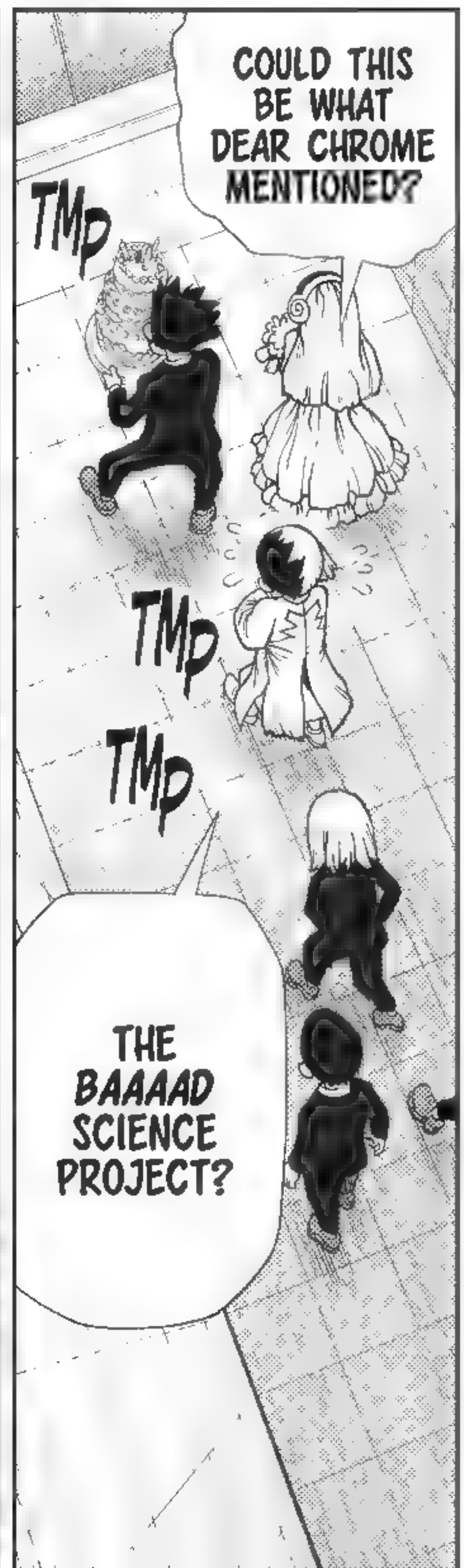


TODAY'S  
THE BIG  
DAY! I'M  
FINALLY...

...MARRIED  
TO  
YUZURIHA!

You said the  
same thing  
yesterday.

GET  
THIS,  
SENKU!



COULD THIS  
BE WHAT  
DEAR CHROME  
MENTIONED?

TMP

TMP

TMP

THE  
BAAAAD  
SCIENCE  
PROJECT?









...IS  
THE BAAAAD  
SCIENCE  
PROJECT?!

THIS  
WHATEVER-  
IT-IS...

THIS  
ANTASTIC-  
FAY  
MACHINE...



WE  
STARTED  
OFF WITH  
THE  
STRUCTURE  
ITSELF.

OHO HO!  
LOOKS  
PRETTY  
SLICK,  
HUH?

WE'RE  
MAKING  
SOMETHING  
AMAZING!

SURE  
IS!



...WILL  
AVERT  
NUMEROUS  
DEATHS...

...OF MY  
KIND.

RETURNING  
TO THE  
PAST...

...TO  
PREVENT  
INCURSION  
UPON YOUR  
EARTH...



YOU  
DONT  
MEAN  
...?!

NO...

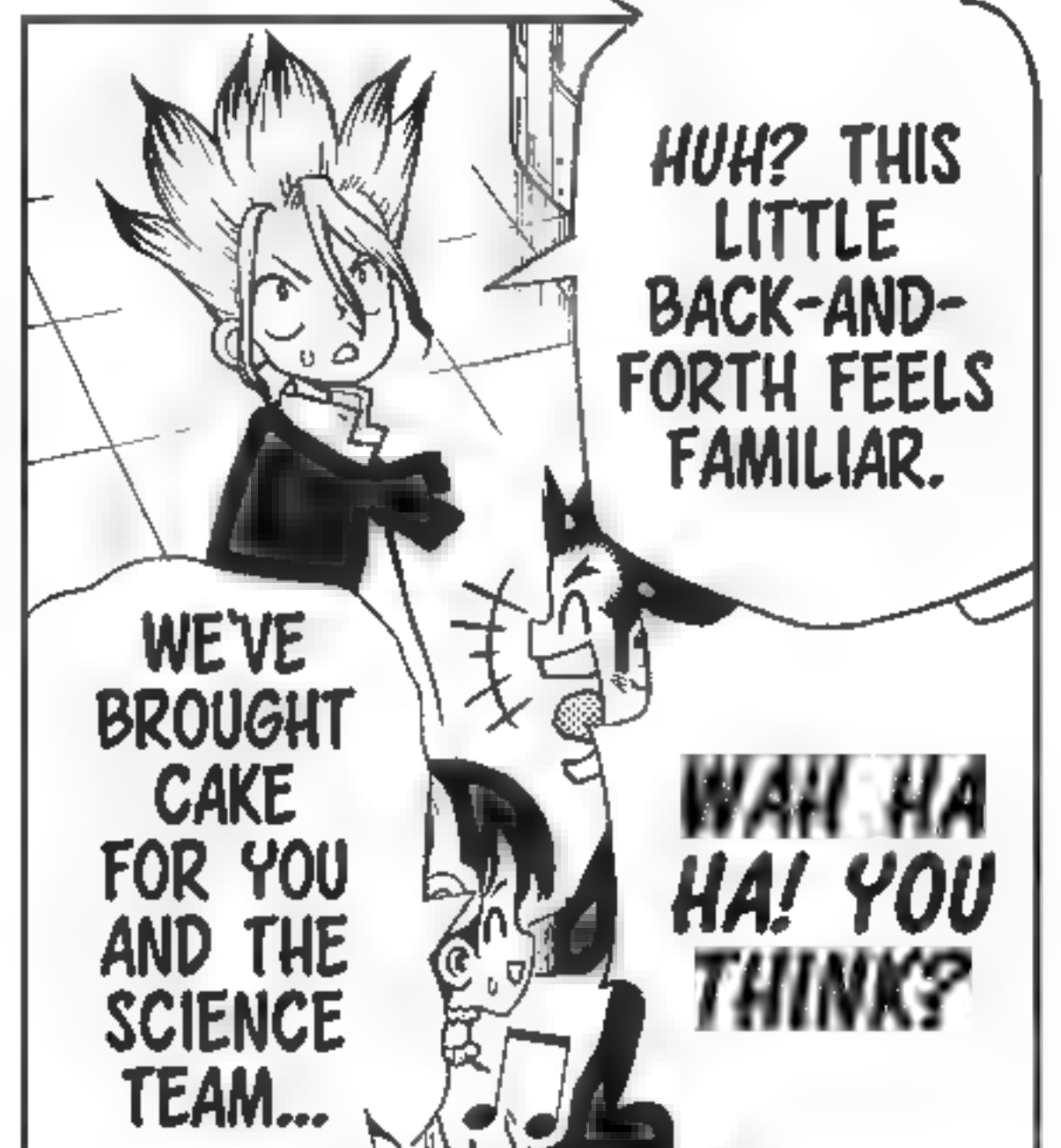
THE  
PAST  
?!

NO  
WAY.



HM?  
INTERESTING...  
VERRRY  
INTERESTING.

I'M  
CHEERING FOR  
YOU SO HARD  
FROM HERE IN  
THE SCIENCE  
LAB THAT  
MY VOCAL  
CORDS'LL  
SNAP.



HUH? THIS  
LITTLE  
BACK-AND-  
FORTH FEELS  
FAMILIAR.

WE'VE  
BROUGHT  
CAKE  
FOR YOU  
AND THE  
SCIENCE  
TEAM...

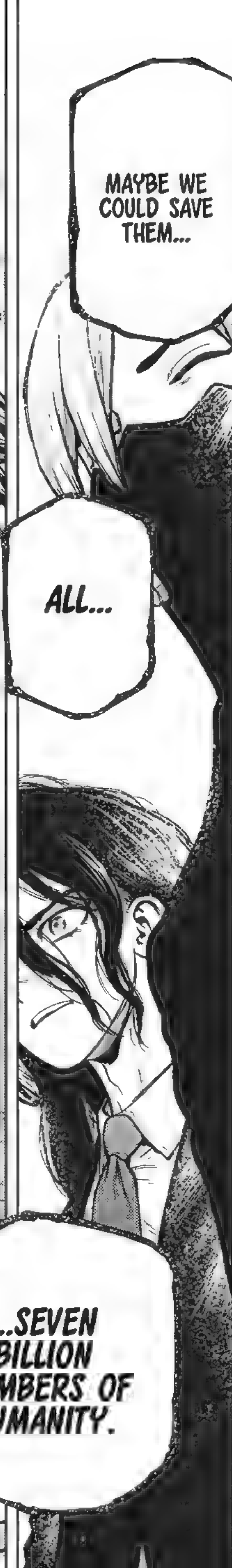
WAH HA  
HA! YOU  
THINK?











MAYBE WE  
COULD SAVE  
THEM...

ALL...

...SEVEN  
BILLION  
MEMBERS OF  
HUMANITY.

BUT  
MAYBE  
...

TWENTY-  
FIRST  
CENTURY  
LOGIC  
TOLD US IT  
COULDN'T  
BE DONE.

...JUST MAYBE,  
OUR GRAND  
GOAL CAN BE  
REALIZED.

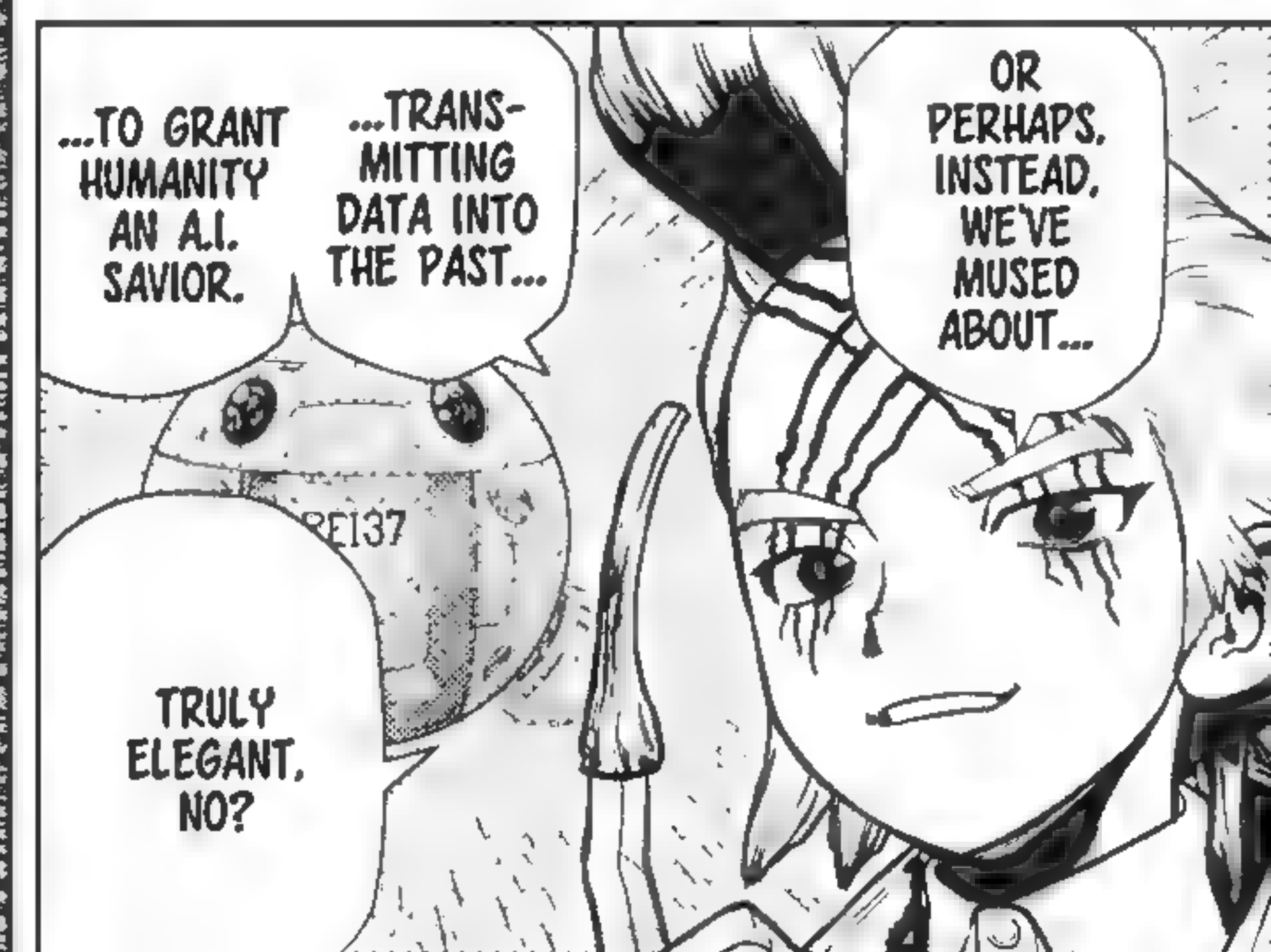
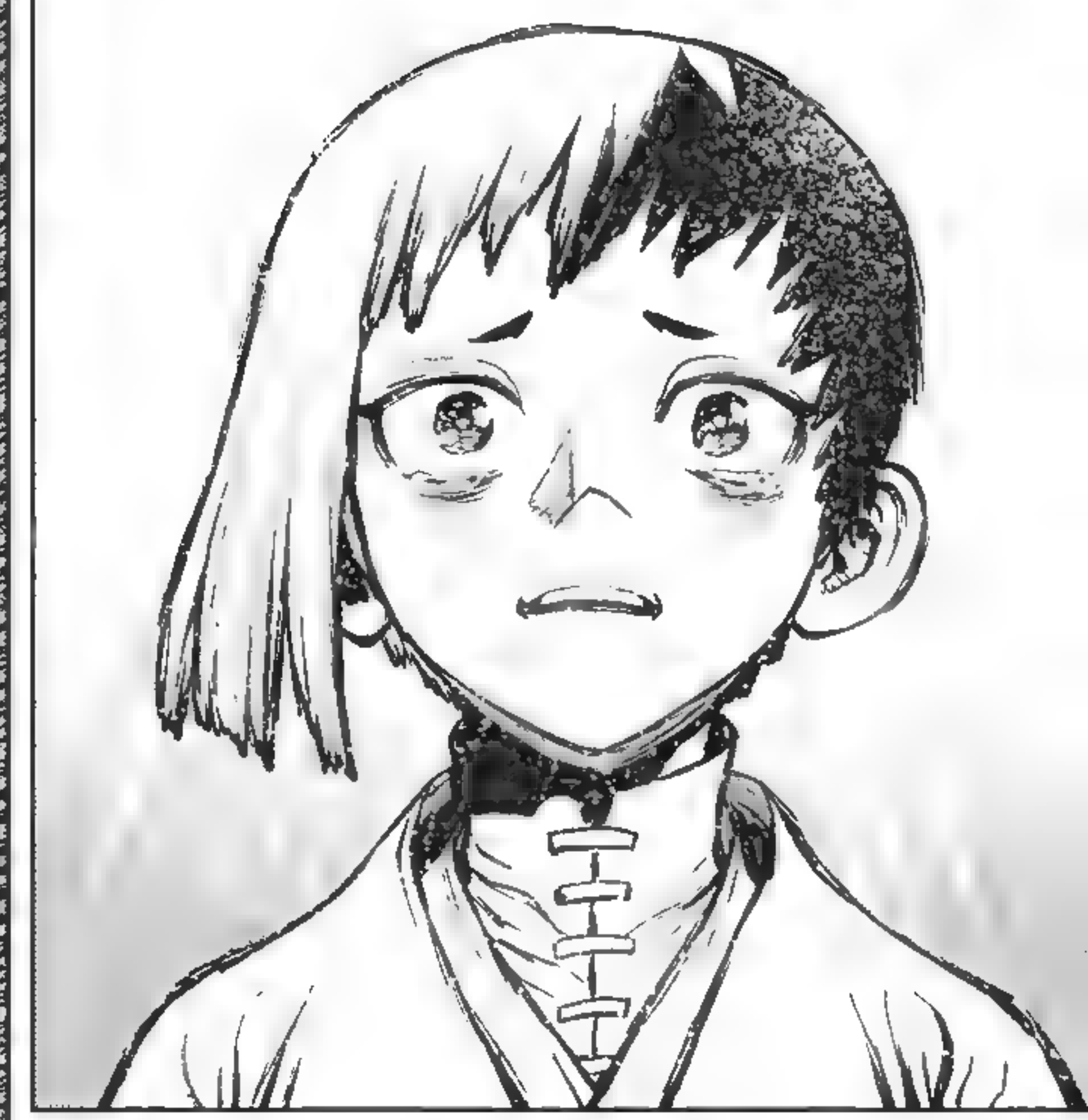
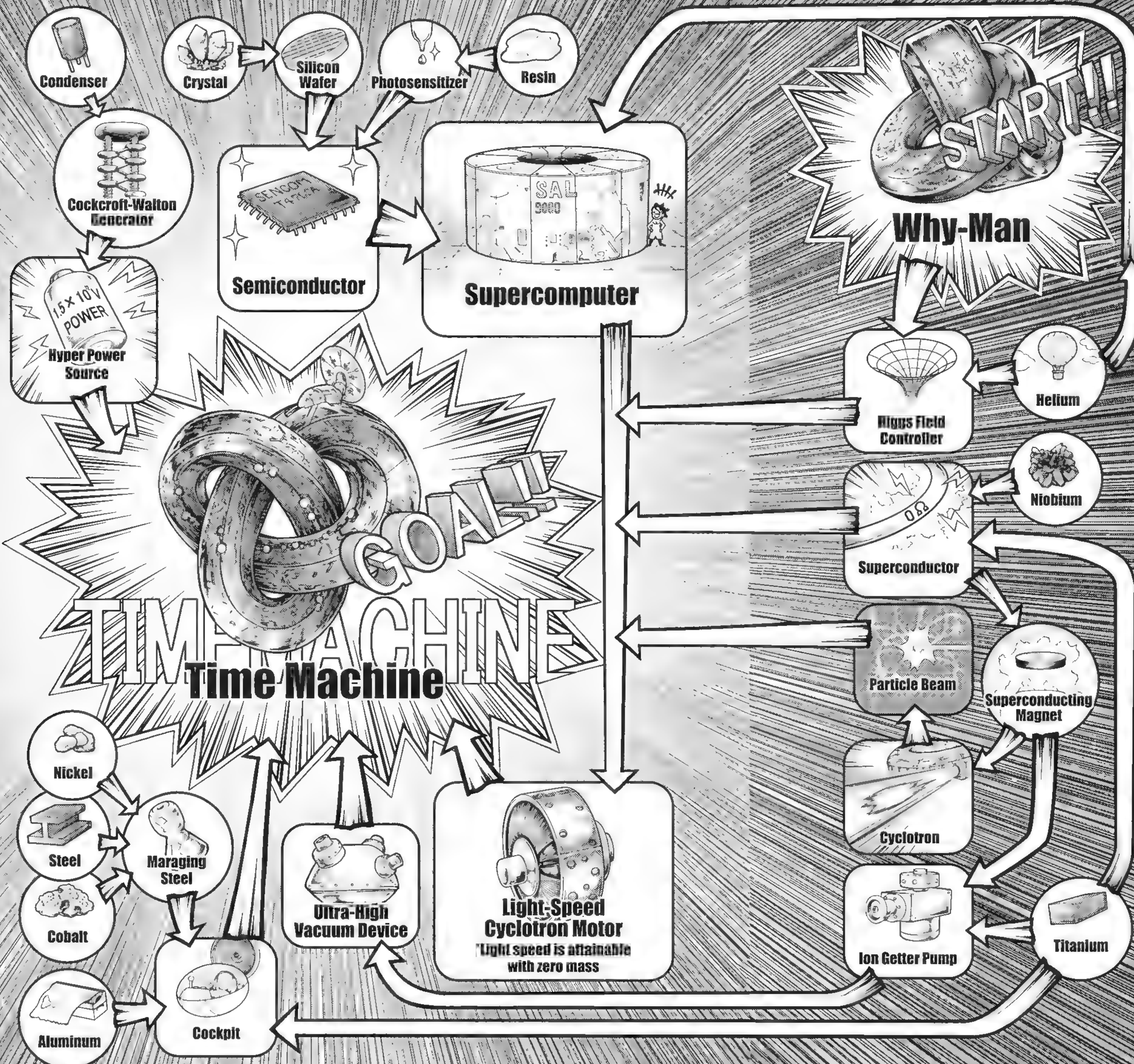


LIKE BY  
SHOOTING  
THE PETRI-  
BEAM  
INTO THE  
PAST...

...TO PETRIFY  
THE VICTIMS  
BEFORE THEY  
MET THEIR  
FATES.











OR RATHER,  
HUMANITY...

...COULD  
REALLY  
PULL THIS  
OFF.

...WE  
CAN BUILD  
A TIME  
MACHINE.

ONE  
PAINSTAKING  
STEP AT A  
TIME...



I BELIEVE  
YOU REALLY  
COULD, DEAR  
SENKU.





CENTURIES.

OVER  
DECADES.

EVEN  
IF IT TAKES  
MILLENNIA!



...PIERCES  
ACROSS  
TIME  
ITSELF...

CUZ  
SCIENCE  
...

YEP.

...NEW  
RULES  
ABOUT OUR  
UNIVERSE.

...TO  
DISCOVER  
AND  
UNEARTH...





**SO I  
SAY...**

**...GET  
EXCITED!!**





They all became officers of the law at the request of Yo, the resident control freak. Kinro, Kirisame, and Matsukaze approach their duties with the utmost seriousness. Yo and Magma constantly bicker with each other while on the job. Moz exploits his position of power to hit on women. Ginro doesn't do a lick of actual work.



Chelsea

The geography of the new world is so freaky and totes awesome! Chelsea is flying around the world while updating the maps in her head.



Hyoga

Some suggested granting him a full pardon for his crimes (in light of his contributions toward restoring the world), but the man himself turned down the idea, so the matter is still up in the air. These days, he's a training instructor for the new law enforcement agency.



Kohaku

Homura

They travel around giving self-defense instruction as members of the law enforcement agency. They're making effective contributions toward peace and stability.



Luna

She resumed her studies. Maybe Senku will give her the time of day if she works hard and becomes a super doctor?! She's always on the verge of giving up though.



They're busting their butts alongside Senku to make the time machine!



Stanley

A pilot.



Gen

An actual diplomat. Rutal-bay work.



Ryusui



Francois

They formally founded Ryusui Corp. and are making major contributions toward restoring the world, while quietly gaining exclusive rights and privileges along the way... Ryusui desires everything the new world has to offer!



Sai

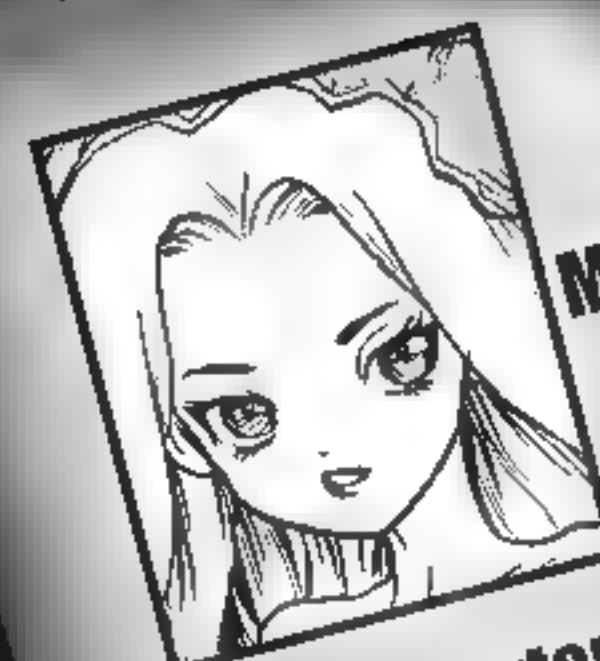
He was coaxed by Ryusui into becoming Ryusui Corp.'s I.T. director! He begrudgingly accepted, on the condition that he could keep programming video games.



Tsukasa

He's flying around to each revived region of the world on request. A wave of his hand alone is enough to solidify law and order.

The world's strongest martial artist can achieve that through sheer charisma.



Minami

A reporter!



Nikki

At long last, she gets to be an ordinary college student! She's older than most of her fellow students, so once more, she's known as "Big Bro Nikki." A young male student confessed his feelings to her recently, so the flustered Nikki is having a number of first-time experiences.



Ukyo

Since everyone enthusiastically nominated him for the position, Ukyo wound up a high-ranking member of the restoration government, valued for his dedication to peace and his overall stellar reputation. He spends his day inundated with desk work.



Yuzuriha

Mirai

Ruri

Taiju

They founded a fashion company together! They don't go for mass-produced clothing lines. Instead, everything is uniquely custom-made with love and care put into it! Taiju is in charge of physical labor, but there's not much for him to do, so he spends most of his time rooting on his colleagues.



**Senku  
Ishigami**



**Dr. Ishigami, the scientist who  
restored civilization from scratch  
in the Stone World. In the new  
world, he's also known as...**

**Dr. STONE**



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**and**  
**TO BE CONTINUED**





## BOICHI

1. I'd like to express my gratitude to my supportive readers, *Jump* editorial, and Inagaki Sensei. Getting to be part of *Dr. STONE* honestly felt like a dream, and I found it to be a great learning opportunity.

2. The journey is far from over, at least for Senku and friends, who I'll keep in my heart and mind. Their adventures will still be going strong ten, even 20 years from now.

3. In the 25 years since I became a fan of the actress Ryoko Hirosue, I haven't called myself a fan of any other performers, but lately, I've been considering becoming a fan of Heo Young-ji of the girl group KARA.

4. I bought a special segmented pot for oden stew.



## RIICHIRO INAGAKI

Senku and pals have rebuilt modern civilization with nothing but natural elements. Or nothing but stones, you might say.

But hey—when you think about it, we did that too! Humans are pretty amazing, huh?

Still, this isn't the end, since Senku and his people will never stop desiring more. Just like us, in real life.

Now that I've finished my smart-sounding closing remarks, I'll mention that their adventures will continue in the form of the anime, a stage play, manga, and so on!

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